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SPAIN ASKS BRITAIN TO GRANT HELP

Offers Concessions To London And Paris

AS INDUCEMENT TO JOIN IN WAR AGAINST REBELS

London, Mar. 17.

A demarche by the Spanish Government at Valencia, with a view to obtaining British and French assistance in the civil war, has been published by the insurgent authorities at Salamanca.

It appears that the Spanish Foreign Minister, Senor Delvayo, presented a note to Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and M. Yves Delbos, French Foreign Minister, at Geneva on February 9. In this, the Spanish Government offered to cede certain rights in Spanish Morocco in return for help against the rebels.

Inquiries by *Reuter* in London to-day revealed that such a note had been received by His Majesty's Government, but that no reply had yet been given.

However, it is pointed out, neither Britain nor France can entertain the proposal for a moment, as it would be contrary to their treaty obligations. A reply in this sense is likely to be despatched soon.—*Reuter*.

Aerial Activity

London, Mar. 17.

Military activity in Spain is at present mainly confined to aerial warfare. On the Guadalupe front, according to a Government Communiqué, Loyalist aircraft have been very active. Some 25 bombers claim to have wrought terrible destruction when they attacked the insurgent lines while 30 pursuit planes attacked and machine-gunned rebel concentrations.

It is stated in the same communiqué that the rebels lost several pursuit planes and one big Junker bomber in aerial action, while the Government had only one casualty, a pursuit ship.

On the other hand, General de Llano, the rebel staff officer, in a broadcast last night, claimed that 10 Government planes had been brought down in the past few hours of fighting.

A Lisbon message reports that a radio broadcast from Seville states the American Embassy has moved from Madrid to Alicante.—*Reuter* Bulletin Service.

PROBING CLICHY RIOTING

WORKERS DEMAND FASCIST BAN

CALL STRIKE IN PROTEST

Paris, Mar. 17.

The Cabinet has decided to open an immediate investigation to ascertain the responsibility for the riots in the Clichy quarter, in which, during a clash between Fascists and anti-Fascists, six were killed and 200 injured.

A communiqué issued by the Seine Union of Syndicates states that the half-day general strike which it is calling for to-morrow, as a protest against last night's events, is not directed against the Blum Government, which must remain in power.

In order not to place the Government in difficulties, rigid discipline will be exercised by the strike leaders, and the men will resume work in the afternoon.

The object of the strike, says the communiqué, is to emphasize the need for dissolving "Fascist Leagues".—*Reuter*.

TRIBUTES PAID TO VETERAN

BALDWIN LAUDS CHAMBERLAIN

PRAISE FROM ALL SIDES

(Special to "Telegraph")

London, Mar. 17.

Moving tributes were spoken in hushed voices in the House of Commons this afternoon in memory of the late Sir Austen Chamberlain. The former Foreign Minister's usual seat was vacant, and Sir Austen's half-brother, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, listened to the tributes unobtrusively from behind the Speaker's chair.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, after recalling that Sir Austen Chamberlain had introduced him to the House when he (the Premier) was elected twenty-nine years ago, said that although there was a brief period when there was a fundamental difference of opinion between them, that never affected their mutual regard for each other. As Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen had accomplished a work for which he believed history would give him credit. He was a very great parliamentarian and always a formidable figure in debate.

The Premier added that, great as had been his political career, during the last few years he had exercised a far greater influence than ever before, dropping the partisanship essential to those on either front bench and displaying his gifts of candour and wisdom.

OTHER TRIBUTES

Mr. Clement R. Attlee, speaking for the Labour Party, recalled Sir Austen's constant endeavour to make personal contacts with the leading statesmen of Europe, so that by personal understanding, difficulties might be removed. He paid a tribute to his work on the Indian Select Committee, dealing with terribly difficult constitutional questions.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, for the Liberals, described Sir Austen as a great Commander, tenacious of principle, and a man of great courage. (Continued on Page 12.)

Dutch to Treat Ship Seizures As Acts of Piracy

FINAL WARNING TO REBELS: WARSHIPS RUSH TO SPAIN

The Hague, March 17.

Any further seizure of Dutch ships by Spanish insurgent warships will be regarded as piracy, the Dutch Foreign Minister, Jhr. A. C. D. de Graeff, informed the Senate here to-day. It is piracy because the Dutch Government has not recognised General Francisco Franco's Government, he added.

Dutch warships have been instructed to take necessary action, he announced.

His statement followed the receipt of news of the seizure of a Dutch collier at Ceuta this morning.—*Reuter*.

RUSHING TO SPAIN

The Dutch cruiser, Java, returning to the East Indies, arrived here to-day and left again, at full speed, for Spanish waters.—*Reuter*.

Ready To Leave

Lisbon, Mar. 17.
The Dutch submarine, O-18, which arrived in the Tagus last week, has received instructions from the Dutch Government to be ready to leave at a moment's notice. It is understood she is departing to-morrow for Malaga to demand the immediate release of two Dutch steamers recently seized by the insurgent fleet.—*Reuter*.

Collier Released

Rotterdam, Mar. 17.
According to a message received by the owners from Ceuta, the insurgent authorities have released the collier, Jonge Johanna, reported seized this morning. Her cargo has not been confiscated.—*Reuter*.

Arms For Rebels

London, Mar. 17.
Two German ships, the August Cords and the Consul Cords, are at present at Antwerp having loaded arms for Spain at Bremen, according to a Spanish note delivered to the Foreign Office to-day.

They are now loading ordinary cargo in order to disguise their real intentions, but their crews state that the ships are bound for ports in the insurgents' hands.—*Reuter*.

Rotarians To Confer In Nanking

HONGKONG PARTY WILL ATTEND

Hongkong Rotarians will be represented at the annual conference of the 81st Rotary District, which will take place in Nanking from April 11 to 13.

So far Mr. David Au, Manager of the Bank of Canton, Dr. Arthur Woo and Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam have signified their intention of being present on behalf of Hongkong Rotary.

Preparations for the forthcoming conference are being made under the direction of Mr. Hon Shu-mo, vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Nanking Government, who will preside over the conference.

Among the features of the entertainment programme are a reception, dinner and ball, to be given by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a dinner to be given jointly by the Ministries of Industries, Education, Railways and Communications, and a tiffin-reception to be given by the Mayor of Nanking.

SIGN UP WITH C.I.O.

Pittsburgh, Mar. 17.
The President of two subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corporation have signed a contract with the John Lewis Steel Union providing for the settlement of all labour disputes without resort to strikes.—*Reuter*.

Denounces Italians' Atrocities

Aden, Mar. 17.

The Dutch cruiser, Java, returning to the East Indies, arrived here to-day and left again, at full speed, for Spanish waters.—*Reuter*.

London, Mar. 17.
The Negus has sent a letter to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations requesting the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the alleged Italian atrocities in Ethiopia.

Haile Selassie denounces the "execution of Ras Desta and other chiefs taken prisoner on the battlefield and the killing of thousands of persons during the three days after the attempt on the life of Marshal Graziani and the systematic massacres of the Ethiopian population."—*Reuter* Bulletin Service.

Britain and U.S. Draw Closer

MANILA SEES SIGNIFICANCE IN FRIENDLINESS

"Political observers in the Philippines see a new effort at Anglo-American rapprochement in current events in the Far East," says the *Manila Bulletin* in an editorial article published recently.

"At no time since the American occupation of the Philippines have there been so many expressions of Anglo-American friendship and such a free exchange of official visits.

"Part of the circumstances behind these visits is purely fortuitous. At the same time, many persons in the Philippines are unable to escape the belief that there is a deliberate and planned attempt on both sides to cultivate this friendship because of the deep-seated mutuality of interest of British and Americans in the Far East.

"Tension caused by the Keeling incident in which three British sailors were manhandled by Japanese caused the cancellation of the usual British naval visits to Tokyo. This cancellation accounted in part for the fact that the Philippines have entertained within the course of slightly more than six weeks 23 British ships and three different official delegations from Hongkong.

"The most important of these was the official visit of the Commander-in-Chief of the British Naval Station in China, Vice Admiral Sir Charles Little's call was in every sense official, and he was accorded the customary full official honours.

"Additional weight is given to this visit from Hongkong by the very recent statement of Admiral H.E. Yarnell, Commander-in-Chief of the American Asiatic Fleet, 'Aboard the flagship Augusta he had just made United Press.

DUTCH WARNING TO INSURGENTS



Jhr. A. C. D. de Graeff, Netherlands Foreign Minister, who has warned the Spanish insurgents that any further seizure of Dutch ships will be treated as acts of piracy.

BOMBS SHAKE JERUSALEM

Continued Violence Worries Britain

NO WISH TO DECLARE MARTIAL LAW

Jerusalem, Mar. 17.

A constable and several Jewish passers-by were injured by the explosion of a bomb in a crowded main street of Jerusalem at 7 p.m. to-day. An Arab has been arrested in connection with the outrage.

Sixteen persons, including four children, were injured, and two are in a serious condition, it was disclosed later.

Two further bombs were thrown later to-night into an Arab cafe in a main street. Seven Arabs were injured and taken to hospital.

Late at night, a third bombing took place. A missile was tossed into an Arab cafe on the outskirts of the city and four were injured.—*Reuter*.

DEPLORES VIOLENCE

London, Mar. 17.
Mr. William Ormsby-Gore, Secretary of State for Colonies, speaking in the House of Commons to-day, deplored the assassinations and acts of violence in Palestine in recent weeks. He welcomed the statement issued by the Officer Administering the Government declaring the Mutli of Jerusalem and other members of the Arab Higher Committee had expressed their abhorrence of these acts. But, unfortunately, these crimes had continued, he pointed out.

It was extremely difficult to ensure security in a country where tension was acute, following the prolonged disturbances and lawlessness of last year, Mr. Ormsby-Gore explained. He had personally discussed with the High Commissioner the question of taking further measures for dealing with the increasing number of acts of violence. The High Commissioner was due to reach Palestine next Friday to take up matters with his advisers and to consult with the Commander-in-Chief and the Chief of Police as to the matter of urgency.

WANTS MARTIAL LAW

Mr. Josiah Wedgwood, Labour, asked: "How long does the Government intend to tolerate this state of affairs? When will martial law be proclaimed?"

Mr. Ormsby-Gore replied that he did not know that martial law was the best method of dealing with the situation. The British Government would be reluctant to declare martial law, he said, as it would mean the end of all civil Government.

The Minister said he was satisfied that the acts of violence were organised by local bodies and by small murder gangs. He was sure the Arab outrages had no connection with the Higher Committee.—*Reuter*, Special.

Standard Oil Loses Large Concessions

New York, Mar. 7.

The Bolivian Government has issued a decree cancelling the Standard Oil Company's concessions and confiscating the company's vast holdings in the country, according to the *New York Times*.

According to a Buenos Aires correspondent, the decree charges the company with defrauding the national revenues to the extent of three million Bolivian pesos by exporting oil without payment of taxes or royalties, through a secret pipe-line to Argentina.—*Reuter*.

AMBULANCE WORKERS PRAISED

COL. J. L. SLEEMAN IN HONGKONG

RECALLS FINE SERVICE

Hongkong ambulance workers received high praise from Colonel James L. Sleeman, Chief Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Overseas, when the Colonel arrived here on the Cathay this morning on an inspectional tour of the British Empire.

The headquarters staff in England is extremely pleased with the reports of progress made in the Colony, said Colonel Sleeman, both in the first aid and nursing detachments.

"In other places, especially South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, the Brigade is very strong and most efficient," continued the Commissioner. "In India I found over 3,000 excellent ambulance men but insufficient nursing divisions. In Burma, I am glad to say, the work is proceeding very well, while in Ceylon the fact that practically all the members of the police force of almost 3,000 are members speaks for itself. The efficiency of this force is beyond all praise and I have never witnessed such good stretcher drill performed by 17 teams simultaneously.

"In Singapore much requires to be done before the ambulance service can be said to be satisfactory, but steps are now being taken in that direction.

"In South Africa the whole of the members of the railway service are also members of the Brigade, with the result that they give a definite proof of the financial value of the (Continued on Page 12.)

Fen Country Floods

SITUATION STILL CAUSES ANXIETY

London, Mar. 17.

Anxiety in regard to the flood situation in the low-lying fen country of England is still acute and the tanks of the swollen River Ouse and its tributaries are being constantly watched.

The Minister of Agriculture, in the House of Commons this afternoon, said the floods had engaged his close attention and in order to be kept in close touch with the position from day to day a Ministry engineer is in the district.

Mr. Morrison added that according to the latest telephoned information the position was still critical, although there was a slight fall in the water level. The whole position, he said, is being closely watched by the Catchment Boards concerned and all necessary remedial measures were being taken.—*British Wireless*.

TYPHOON WARNING

The Manila Observatory, reporting at 3.55 a.m. to-day, states that the typhoon is situated about Long 115, Lat. 11, moving west.

REPORT BY ZOE FARMAR
& ROBB FROM PARIS SHOWS
ON NEW SPRING FASHIONS

The English cut has it

Paris.

GETTING down to what we are to wear this spring-summer the Paris designers have gone all Union Jack. Why? Designers this or that side of the Channel care most deeply about what the American customers will buy (America sets the market, Europe sets the fashion) and American women who won't see our Coronation want to wear it.

They have already worn out their enthusiasm for the obvious royal insignia, like crown and sceptre buttons, herald coats and what-all. Now their highly paid buying representatives are looking simply for clothes that look English in cut and style and have at the same time just a suggestion of royal goings-on. So the tailor-made suit walks right ahead in popularity and ingenuity in the half-yearly fashion parades.

Trimmings show the royal Influence

But it is not the plain classic cut affair that your husbands like you to wear. A swank designer can't afford to leave a plain suit plain. It had to be jazzed up a bit with royal flavouring.

So here, under headings (to make it easy for you to hand right over to your tailor), I've listed some of the ways of having a tailor-made that doesn't look like the one you had last year.

LAPELS are ornamental. Edged with braid, some flatly faced, others with a contrasting colour stitched on in an in-and-out scroll design outlined with bright coloured piping, or coarsely stitched. In contrast to the suit and matching the blouse. Embroidered in silk. Standing up stiffly, not pressed back. Rolled back, but not pressed. Anything, it seems, but the sort of lapel that you're used to.

BUTTONS are smaller, mostly tailor type, and fewer. No more of those suits that make you look centipede-chested or dangle queer little stunt buttons.

Instead of fancy buttons, more ingenuity in the button-holes. Embroidered cord, or metal, loops. Ordinary button-holes faced with contrasting fabric matching gloves, jumper or bag.

Double-deckers

POCKETS plenty. Often oddly shaped to match lapels; some double-decked (so that what looks like two pockets, one above other, is only one inside). Again much embroidery: piped edges, narrow vari-coloured braidings, corded.

JACKETS: As well as short classic length, some bolero style, dipping to a V at the back, and some hark back to the '20s—below-finger-tip redingote (which means, in case like me you used to wonder, really "riding coat style"—close tailored on the chest, roomy below).

Styling for short jackets often Tyrolean with tiny inlets at back of gay chintz fabrics—but only a flash of them, from the lining.

SKIRTS: Close-fitting and plain. Pleats small, flat and hidden as much as possible. Much straight panelling.

Stuffs for Spring

FABRICS: For later spring, heavy tussore and corded silks. Imitation suede (like those cheap gloves, looking like matt stockingette) for jackets, sometimes skirts as well. Linens coarser-woven than ever, looking like canvas. Tweed-silk mixtures.

COMMENT: Good practical clothes so far and just the sort that suit us (excepting the few that tend to over-ornamentation).

LENGTH: 14ins. from ground.

OUTLINE: Classical and un-exaggerated (no phoney shoulders or sleeves). Natural to high waist-line.

Z.F.

1 (figure above). Suit of biscuit-coloured tussore with dark brown reliefs. Jacket: biscuit-coloured. Dark tussore lapels embroidered in silk. Pocket panels narrow at sides. Skirt: three panels with hidden pleat one side. Hat: coarse natural-coloured straw. Small Mexican shape. Dark ribbon. Jumper: suede, light, with dark buttons. Outlined dark coarse stitching.

2 Suit of dull green tweed. Jacket: decorated pockets, self stuff is stitched on to form bow loops. Skirt: close fitting; three lines of stitching panelling front. Jumper: deep green crepe de Chine. Note neck treatment: stock tucks under front bow. Hat: felt, brim wider in front. Shoes: very flat heels shown with most suits. Almost clog-shaped, brogued.

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(Caption below)

BITS TO CUT OUT

Simple Cures

To prevent fatigue: Chew a little kola nut powder. It is a grand tonic and nerve-stimulant, and will help to increase your powers of endurance.

For toothache: Apply oil of cinnamon or oil of cloves frequently on cotton wool to the aching tooth.

For hair-fall (if hair dry): Rub into the scalp a mixture of expressed oil of nutmeg 1 part to olive oil 3 parts.

For superficial cuts: Apply friar's balsam.

For rheumatism: The infusion of sassafras bark is often helpful.

Orange Cake

½lb. flour, ½lb. butter, ½lb. sugar, 4 eggs.

Two oranges, a pinch of baking powder, glacé icing, butter icing.

Beat the butter and sugar to a cream, and mix in the eggs one at a time. Add the grated rind of the oranges, the sieved flour, and baking powder. Fold in lightly, place in a deep sandwich tin lined with greased paper, and bake in a moderate oven for about thirty minutes.

When cool, cut into layers, and sandwich with butter icing to which has been added the juice of one orange. Coat with glacé icing coloured orange and flavoured with the juice of the other orange.

THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

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1400 A. D. RECIPES

THEY'RE WORTH TRYING

If we read cookery books (an amusing and virtuous occupation) of all ages we find that the old ones are more interesting than useful; but they throw a light on the modes and manners of a period, and help us to visualise life in those old days.

As for the recipes themselves, their main interest, as a rule, is not of a culinary nature as far as we are concerned, and we must consider them as curious museum pieces, by which I mean those which are several centuries old.

The proportions were enormous, the indications extravagant and the mixture of flavours alarming. They were also incredibly gross.

Yet we can distinguish the elements, the ideas which later will combine to make the dishes as we appreciate them at present.

The "Gothic Cooking," for instance, belonging to the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, contains several dishes and sauces of the same kind as we find now in Nordic countries, with a sweet element added to the flavour of meat.

The most famous ones were the Sauce de trahison, which was made with chopped onion melted with chopped bacon mixed with bread-crumbs and finished with red wine, vinegar, cinnamon, sugar and mustard.

Apart from the unusual sugar and cinnamon, this might be the ancestor of our spicy "Sauce Diable."

But a sauce called Eau Benite seems to us terribly Gothic—boil together rose water, verjuice, ginger and marjoram, and strain.

Yet the 16th century was to see the freakish fashion of perfuming every sauce and dish with iris, rose and ambergris, even of feeding bowls with pills of musk so that their flesh should be impregnated with the scent.

However, there are a few, very few, recipes dating from these days which we can use to-day with pleasure. The following are interesting and also good specimens.

Gallimaufry

TAKE a leg of lamb and remove the skin, the fat and the bone. Cut the flesh in pieces the size of a large walnut and insert into each with a large needle one or two thin pieces of streaky bacon rolled in chopped parsley.

Put a small quantity of olive oil in a saucepan; when hot put in the pieces of meat, salt, pepper and a bouquet of thyme and parsley.

Fry them lightly, tossing them well, then put in a glass of brandy which you set alight; shake till the flames die out. Add slices of mushroom, a little coulis, "anything you like" says the author.

Cook very slowly till tender and squeeze a little lemon juice.

Dispose around the meat in the dish chestnuts which have previously been cooked, and pour the sauce all over.

The coulis in question is not described. It must have been something to make a short sauce and give a spicy taste; cream, the burnt brandy, the liquid out of the meat and the mushrooms being the other elements in the finished sauce.

Therefore there should be just enough oil to seize the meat at the beginning, otherwise the sauce would not be nice.

Lemon Omelette

THIS is a sweet omelette, as the old book spells it, "aumelette," made with the usual proportions of eggs, two for each person. When beaten, add, also for each person, a tablespoonful of bread-crumbs and a little lemon-juice, finely chopped.

Sprinkle the finished omelette with sugar, and glaze quickly with a red iron or a salamander.

Broiled Trout

TAKE out the entrails, cut the fish across the side (by which is obviously meant a few superficial incisions here and there), and wash them. Fill the cuts with thyme, marjoram and parsley, chopped fine.

Set the gridiron on the fire, rub the bars with suet, and lay the trout on, basting them with fresh butter until they are well "broiled."

Serve with a sauce of butter and vinegar and the yolk of an egg beaten well together.

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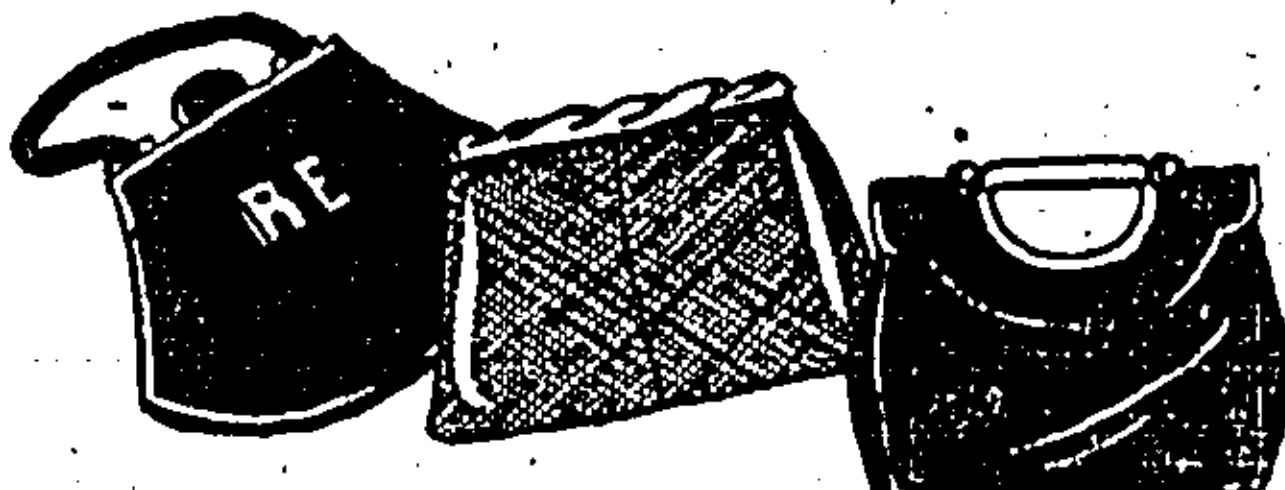
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Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 25th March, 1937, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1936.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from 12th to 22nd March, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong,

1st March, 1937.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

The Thirty-second Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Tuesday, 23rd March, 1937, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1936.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 9th to 23rd March, 1937, both days inclusive.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1937.

Mrs. Mary Barker, formerly of the Education Department, Hongkong, is arriving in Singapore on March 24 to take over the duties of Lady Assistant Protector of Chinese, in place of Miss Y. M. Langley, who will be going to Hongkong shortly for her marriage to Mr. W. T. Rowe, of Negri Sembilan, says the Singapore Free Press.

Canton To Return
K.I.T.C. Visit

There is good reason to believe that Canton will return the visit paid recently by the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club hockey team during the Easter vacation.

The actual date is not yet settled, but negotiations are in progress. The K.I.T.C. visited Canton about a month ago and were beaten two-nil.

HOME
FOOTBALLLATEST BATCH
OF RESULTSSEVERAL DRAWN
MATCHES

London, Mar. 17.
Several matches in the English Football League and the Scottish Cup were played to-day, with the following results.

FIRST DIVISION

Wolves 1 Portsmouth 1

SECOND DIVISION

Newcastle 3 Notts F. 2

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Exeter 1 Millwall 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Dunfermline 1 St. Mirren 0

SCOTTISH CUP (4TH ROUND)

Celtic 4 Motherwell 4

Hamilton 1 Aberdeen 2

INTERNATIONAL TRIAL
(At Burnley)

Probables 2 Possibles 0

—Reuter.

ANOTHER
RECORD ROW
BY OXFORD
BUT CAMBRIDGE
FAVOURITES

London, Mar. 17.
In a boat-race practice to-day, Oxford rowed from Barnes Bridge to Hammersmith Bridge in 7 minutes 42 seconds despite encountering stiff headwind.

The latter part of the row was a record, the previous best being 7 minutes 45 seconds accomplished by the Oxford crew in 1933.

The Oxford eight to-day moved like a train, but the Cambridge President afterwards told Reuter that he thinks Cambridge remain strong favourites to win next Wednesday.—Reuter.

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Windsor Oaks
For HongkongWILL COMMEMORATE
CORONATION

If present plans mature, hundreds of acorns from the famous Windsor Great Park will be planted in Hongkong during Coronation week, to commemorate the Empire's British oak trees the Coronation of King George VI.

These acorns are actually being distributed to the entire Empire, including Hongkong.

They have been collected by the British Automobile Association, in conjunction with the Roads Beautifying Association, and may be had free of all cost, by any person applying for them.

The Hongkong Botanical and Forestry Department is understood to have applied for several hundred of these acorns.

At the same time, there is nothing to prevent private individuals from applying for and planting acorns on their property.

"Oak grow well in Hongkong and we have several already planted here," a Botanical and Forestry Department official told the Telegraph.

SIR J. CURRIE
PASSES ON

London, Mar. 17.
The death has occurred of Sir James Currie, K.C.M.G., who has been Director of the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation since 1922.

Sir James was also Chairman of the Governing Body of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad. During the Great War, he was Director of Training of Munition Workers in the Labour Supply Department of the Ministry of Munitions, and from 1919 to 1921 was Controller of the Industrial Training Department at the Ministry of Labour.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

Shipping Intelligence

Shipping Companies are requested to forward, as early as possible information regarding arrivals, departures, time and mooring place and other movements. Urgent information should be telephoned to the shipping Editor, Phone 26615.

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BENNYWIS (Lorley & Co.),

HONGKONG MARU (O.S.K.), A.D.

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KINA EXPORTER (Wallem), Kowloon Wharf.

CATHAY (B. I.), Kowloon Wharf.

CORONA (Karsten Larsen), Yau-mat.

DAVIKEN (Jardine's), Yau-mat.

DAH PU (We Fat Sing), C.I.

EMPRESS OF CANADA (C.P.S.), Kowloon Wharf.

FORAFRI (Williamson & Co.), Yau-mat.

HAIHANG (Douglas), B.12.

HONGKONG MARU (N.Y.K.), Kowloon Wharf.

HALVDAN (Thoresen), B.10.

HELIKON (We Fat Sing), B.9.

HONGKONG MARU (N.Y.K.), Kowloon Wharf.

ISHIMARU (M.B.K.), B.20.

KANCHOW (B. & S.), B.20.

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KATON MOLLER (Dodwell), Leitchuk Wharf.

KATON MARU (N.Y.K.), Kowloon Wharf.

KINGYUAN (B. & S.), B.20.

LYNCHMOON (We Fat Sing), B.5.

MERSON (B. & S.), Kowloon Wharf.

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PRODUCE (Karsten Larsen), B.9.

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PHOTESHLOUS (Jardine's), A.7.

RHENNOR (Blue Funnel) in Dock.

SIRDHANA (B.I.), Kowloon Wharf.

SAGRES (Williamson & Co.), B.4.

SANDVIKEN (J. M. B.), B.5.

STENTOR (B. & S.), Kowloon Wharf.

SUISANG (Jardine's), Kowloon Dock.

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TAI LEE (We Fat Sing), Yau-mat.

TAIPEI (B. & S.), Kowloon Wharf.

TAI SEUN HONG (Kwong Lee), Shamshui.

TANSHAN MARU (N.Y.K.), B.10.

TIN SENG (Tai Fung & Co.), C.I.

TINEGARA (J.C.I.), A.2.

TONGER (Dodwell & Co.), B.20.

WILLY (A.P.C.), Norway, Capt Skotterud, 5,400 tons, Kowloon Dock.

WARD (States), A.4.

WING WO (Tai Fung), B.13.

YATSHING (Jardine's), B.8.

YCHOW (B. & S.), B.1.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

BUENOS AIRES MARU (O.S.K.) from Japan, 1.30 p.m., A.3. 28001.

CANTON (M.M.) from Hualphong, a.m. 20061.

EMPRESS OF CANADA (C.P.S.) from Manila, 7 a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 20762.

KIANGYUAN (B. & S.) from Hualphong, 3 p.m., West Point, 30331.

PROTECHIAUS (J.C.I.) from Java, 9 a.m. 28016.

TAI SHAN (Dodwell's) from Manila, p.m. 29061.

TINEGARA (J.C.I.) from Straits, noon, A.2. 28015.

YATSHING (Jardine's), from Canton, 11 a.m., B.8. 50911.

SAILED YESTERDAY

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

ATTILA (Texas Company) for Los Angeles, 4 p.m., Tsun Wan.

AYMERIE (Bank Line) for Ocean Island, 10 a.m., Kowloon Dock.

FUKUKEN MARU (O.S.K.) for Amoy, 10 a.m., West Point, 26061.

HELIOS (Thoresen) for Bangkok, noon, B.9. 30237.

KIANGSU (B. & S.) for Bangkok, 3 p.m., West Point, B.16. 30331.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND (Dollar) for Manila, 6 p.m., Kowloon Wharf, 28171.

PRESIDENT MONROE (Dollar) for Europe, noon, Kowloon Wharf, 28171.

SOOCHOW (B. & S.) for Shanghai, noon, West Point, B.14. 30331.

YATSHING (B. & S.) for Amoy, 5 p.m., West Point, 30331.

VAN HEUTS (J.C.I.) for Penang, 6 a.m., A.8. 28016.

ARRIVING TO-DAY

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

CATHAY (B. I.) from Europe, G. a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 27721.

DAVIKEN (Jardine's) from Canton, 11 a.m., West Point, 30331.

KANCHOW (B. & S.) from Canton, a.m., West Point, 30331.

KINA MARU (O.S.K.), from Japan, a.m., West Point, 30331.

YATSHING (Jardine's) from Amoy, 11 a.m., West Point, 30331.

KWANGTUNG (B. & S.) from Shanghai, West Point, 30331.

FREEDOM OF PRESS

NOW UNIQUE PRIVILEGE OF
BRITISH EMPIRE

Only in the British Empire was actual freedom of the press enjoyed, declared Mr. A. E. Pratt, Editor of the Hongkong Daily Press, when he delivered a fireside talk on "The Press and Public Opinion" at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, last night.

While it demanded its freedom to its utmost limits, declared Mr. Pratt, the British press also observed its responsibilities, and he cited the events in Britain at the close of last year. No press in the world at that time was more free to discuss the domestic arrangements of the Monarch, but that privilege was not abused.

"I think it may be fairly contended," he said, "that the British press as a whole offers an example of good taste and incorruptibility to the world, which manifests in no mean manner that the phrase 'British fair play' is a definite factor in moulding the national character."

"If the public in any instance considers that this great power of the press is over being abused, then it has in its hands the most devastating remedy—withdrawal of patronage. Consequently one is entitled to argue

SAILING TO-DAY

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

BUENOS AIRES MARU (O.S.K.) for Buenos Aires, 4 p.m., O.S.K. Wharf.

DAVIKEN (Jardine's) for Shanghai, 4 p.m., B.2. 30331.

NANCHANG (B. & S.) for Chefoo, 10 a.m., West Point, 30331.

MUNAM (B. & S.) for Singapore, 11 a.m., West Point, 30331.

SIRDHANA (B. I.) for Japan, 6 a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 27721.

ARRIVING TO-MORROW

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

ANHUI (B. & S.) from Amoy, West Point, 30331.

CATHAY (B. I.) from Shanghai, 7 a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 27721.

BEYFORD (B. I.) from Moji, 4 p.m., Kowloon Wharf, 27721.

PRESIDENT DOUMER (M.M.) from Saigon, Kowloon Wharf, 20061.

PRESIDENT GRANT (Dollar) from Manila, Kowloon Wharf, 28171.

SAILING TO-MORROW

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

CATHAY (B. I.) for Japan, noon, Kowloon Wharf, 27721.

EMPRESS OF CANADA (C.P.S.) for America, 7 a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 20762.

KINA MARU (O.S.K.) for America, a.m., A.10. 28001.

NANCHANG (B. & S.) for Chefoo, 8 a.m., West Point, 30331.

PRESIDENT DOUMER (M.M.) for Shanghai, 4 p.m., Kowloon Wharf, 20061.

SEIBIAN (Douglas) for Amoy, 4 p.m., Kowloon Wharf, 27721.

SIRDHANA (B. I.) for Japan, 6 a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 27721.

TINEGARA (J.C.I.) for Amoy, 10 a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 20762.

YATSHING (Jardine's) for Chefoo, 8 a.m., West Point, 30331.

YCHOW (B. & S.) for Chefoo, 1 p.m., West Point, 30331.

VESSELS DUE

AIAX (B. & S.) April 11.

ANNA MAERSK (Jensen), Mar. 27.

ANTENOR (B. & S.), Mar. 27.

AREBUS (B. & S.), April 10.

BADEY (Jensen), Apr. 8.

BENALDER (Bank Line), Mar. 18.

CAPE ST. GEORGE (Jensen), Apr. 7.

CATHAY (B.I.), Mar. 18.

CHINA MARU (N.Y.K.), Apr. 11.

CITY OF LYONS (Bank), Apr. 11.

DAVIKEN (J. M. B.), Mar. 18.

DUISBURG (Jensen), Apr. 8.

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN (C.P.S.), Mar. 21.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN, C.P.S., April 9.

EMP. OF RUSSIA, C.P.S., Mar. 25.



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SANTHIA	8,000	22nd May	

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TANDA	7,000	4th June	

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CATHAY	5,000	10th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
*BURDWAN	6,000	26th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
SHIRALA	8,000	1st Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan.
Rajputana	17,000	1st Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
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Kitano Maru Wed., 24th April

Bombay via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
*Toyama Maru Sun., 28th March
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Toba Maru Thurs., 25th March

Tottori Maru Mon., 5th April
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ARE THE "HIGHERS" WORTH WHILE?

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rather spoils one's general education, since, in order to obtain it, a certain amount of specialisation is very often necessary.

Not only pupils and parents but employers too are at fault in fostering this wicked system of examinations. One frequently sees advertisements for youths and maidens, who "must have Leaving Certificate." Which proves, of course, that employers do not fully understand what the certificate is, since it may contain passes in subjects quite irrelevant to the job in question. If the advertisement stated, "Must have L.C. in Spanish, dynamics, mathematics, and Gaelic," then the applicant would know where he was—in two languages and several dimensions!

Sacrifice of the Majority

But this is purely destructive criticism. Let us seek the remedy. If the Leaving Certificate is not what it is supposed to be and serves no purpose—except as a substitute for the University Preliminary Examination—what is to take its place?

If we must, as I fear, have examinations, then for goodness sake let them be of a sane and more useful nature. How many of us ever have to translate a description of the setting sun into French after we leave school? How many ever need to know by heart all the rivers (if any) in Mexico? Or the dates of Aboukir, Agadir, and Ajamemnon? If we need to know them, we look them up like intelligent humans, and enjoy doing it, because we do it for pleasure and not just to pass the "Highers."

That is my main point—that the "Highers" destroy any real love of learning in many pupils, and, because of failure, produce a feeling of inferiority in others. Let the new certificate consist of a detailed report from the headmaster and founded on the pupil's work over several years. The new examinations could take the form of essays in many subjects. In them the pupil would have the chance of expressing himself in his own way, and could show the results of his studies quite as well as in the present form of torture.

At present secondary education is for the prospective student and not for the average boy and girl. We need both, but there is no reason why the majority should suffer for the minority. And the worry of the "Highers" does mean suffering to many. Is it worth while?

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET HIGHER YESTERDAY

New York, Mar. 17.
S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's market:—The market for stocks was irregularly higher, led by rails, the buying of which followed on an agreement on a pension plan, when it is estimated will save the railroads \$50,000,000 yearly. Southern Pacific, Pennsylvania, Baltimore, & Ohio, Illinois Central and Missouri Pacific reached new highs. Stocks were higher, but early turned irregular. United States steel showed small gains, while Bethlehem steel was lower. Some utilities showed small gains on a basis of reported foreign buying. The decline in the price of lead weakened American smelting, but other non-ferrous shares were steady. Bonds were lower, while curb stocks were irregularly higher.

S. C. & F. Wall Street Journal Morning Comment:—Rubber shares are still prime favourites, based on unimpaired first quarter earnings. The Street is pleased that Governor Eccles' statement contained no hint of higher margins. There was some buying of sugar producing shares. There was some foreign buying of Baltimore & Ohio railroad shares. The Street hears that there is a fair-sized spot interest in General Motors and Chrysler shares. Brokers believe that coppers and steels will regain their

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

St. Louis Blues....The Four Crochets.
10.30. Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Yankee Doodle never went to Town; Fox-Trot—Stop! Look and Listen; Fox-Trot. Intermezzo—Quivering Quavers; Slow Fox-Trot—Dance of the Giggly; Slow Fox-Trot—Nightfall; Fox-Trot—Way down yonder in New Orleans; Fox-Trot—I've got the world on a string; Fox-Trot—Mood Indigo; Fox-Trot—Take my heart; Waltz—Stars in my eyes.
11 p.m. Close Down.

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GSD 11,700 k.c. 25.62 metres
GSE 13,965 k.c. 21.50 metres
GSF 15,140 k.c. 19.82 metres
GSG 17,700 k.c. 16.86 metres
GSH 20,470 k.c. 14.65 metres
GSI 22,500 k.c. 13.33 metres
GSJ 24,470 k.c. 12.26 metres
GSK 26,470 k.c. 11.30 metres
GSL 28,470 k.c. 10.54 metres
GSM 30,470 k.c. 9.84 metres
GSP 32,470 k.c. 9.24 metres

(G.S.D., G.S.F., G.S.H.)
Transmission 1
4 p.m. Big Ben. The Lincolnshire Handicap.
4.22 p.m. "Food for Thought." Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
5 p.m. "Food for Thought." Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
5.20 p.m. An Organ Recital by Maurice Lindon, from the Concert Hall, Daventry House.
5.40 p.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 5.45 p.m.

Transmission 2
(G.S.D., G.S.F., G.S.H.)
7 p.m. Big Ben. Variations in Syncope, by the Rev. Dr. H. G. H. and Herschel Hensley (Canadian Pianist).
7.30 p.m. "John Loder at Home"—11.
8 p.m. A Short Violoncello Recital by Marjorie Alexana.
8.15 p.m. The Trocadero Cinema Orchestra.
8.55 p.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.15 p.m.
9.15 p.m. Brass Band Music.
9.33 p.m. "Food for Thought." Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

Transmission 3
(G.S.D., G.S.F., G.S.H.)
10 p.m. Big Ben. The B.B.C. Theatre Organ.
10.15 p.m. "Scrapbook for 1937." Presented by the Rev. Dr. H. G. H. and Charles Brewer. With the B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra, conducted by Mark L. Lubbock.
11.15 p.m. The Central Band of His Majesty's Royal Air Force.
12 a.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 12.45 a.m.
12.50 a.m. Dance Music.

Leadership when the market becomes more active.
S. C. & F. New York office cables: Stocks: The market to-day was irregular, the earlier undertone being reflected in the weakness of Government bonds.
Cotton: Inflation talk continues, but there is an increasing tendency to anticipate recedings, causing a more two-sided market. The strength of distant positions, reflects the anticipated new crop demand due to large forward textile sales. The labour situation is very unsettled. Out of 12 leading brokers, 10 are bullish and 2 are neutral.

Wheat: There are unconfirmed reports of possible restriction of Argentine exports. Argentine shippers are reported to be re-buying contracts. England and the United Kingdom bought Argentine wheat to-day. The Government weekly crop report is favourable. There was a late easiness on profit-taking.

Corn: There was little change in the supply and demand situation, but the early opening of navigation is expected to release the Argentine corn now in Canadian ports.
Rubber: Singapore reports that there is little prospect of Malaya production a 90 per cent quota immediately. Early relief in the London and New York security is improbable. The market is nervous and irregular.

REUTER QUOTATIONS

Dow Jones Averages:
1936-37
High Low Mar. 17
30 Industrials 185.59 65.51 188.50
20 Rails 63.72 27.31 64.48
20 Utilities 37.72 16.46 32.97
40 Bonds 106.01 84.66 102.38
11 Commodity Index 81.57 41.98 79.86

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter.

New York Cotton		
March	14.83/84	deleted
May	14.40/41	14.28/29
July	14.23/25	14.17/18
October	13.50/57	13.55/57
December	13.50/50	13.50/50
January	13.50/51	13.51/51
Spot	15.00	14.88

New York Rubber		
March	24.00n	25.00 n
May	25.03/03	25.08/08
July	25.15/15	25.10/18
September	25.10/18	25.17/19
December	25.18/10	25.22/22
Total sales	—4,920 tons.	

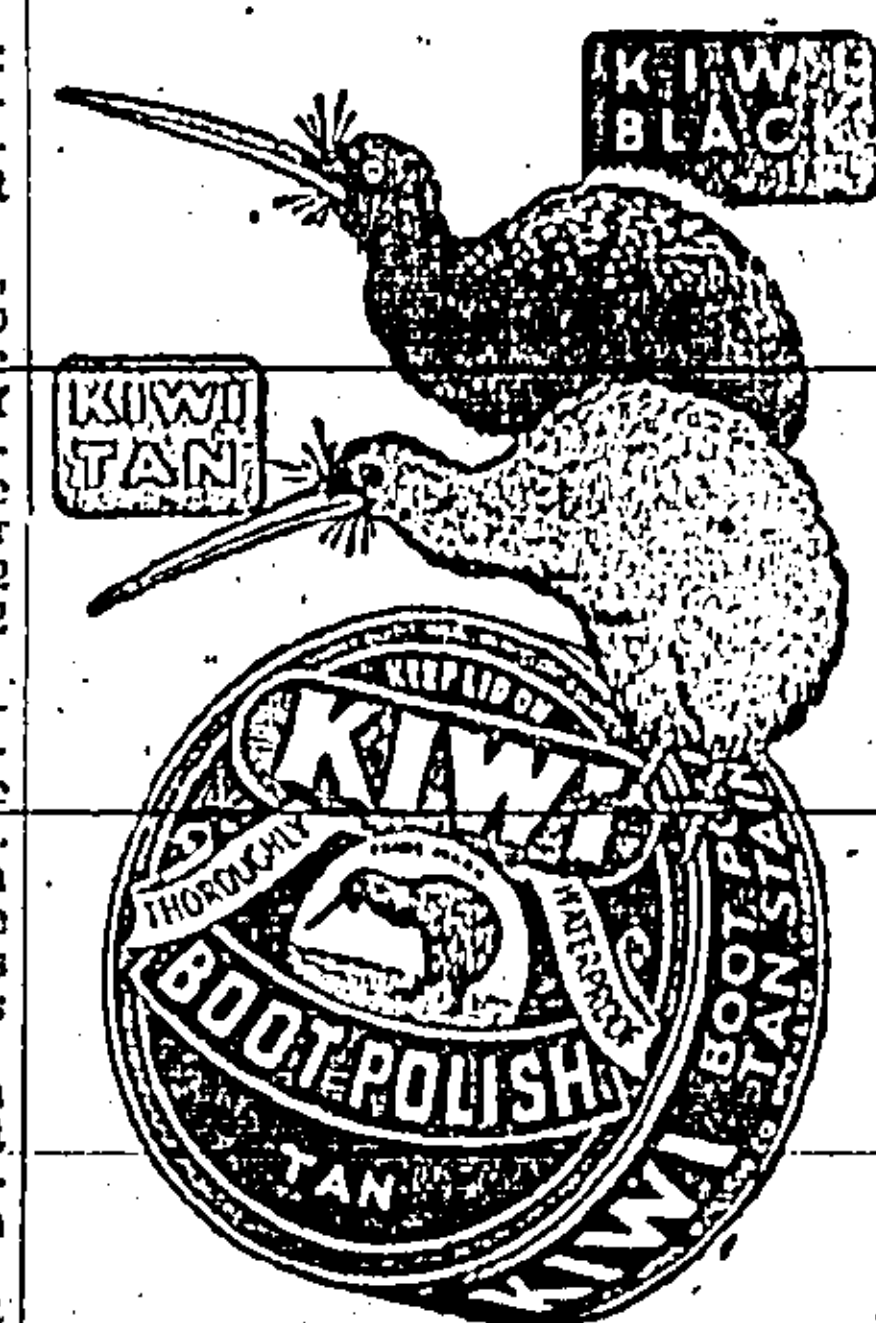
Chicago Wheat		
May	137	137 1/2 138 1/2 138
July	122 1/4	122 3/4 124 1/2 123 1/2
Sept.	120	120 1/2 121 1/4 121 1/2
Tuesday's sales	—41,165,000 bushels	

Chicago Corn		
May	100 1/2	100 1/2 100 1/2 100 1/2
July	100	100 1/2 105 1/2 105 1/2
Sept.	100 1/2	100 1/2 100 1/2 100 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat		
May	134 1/2	134 1/2 136 1/2 136 1/2
July	131 1/2	131 1/2 133 1/2 133 1/2
Oct.	121 1/2	121 1/2 123 1/2 123 1/2

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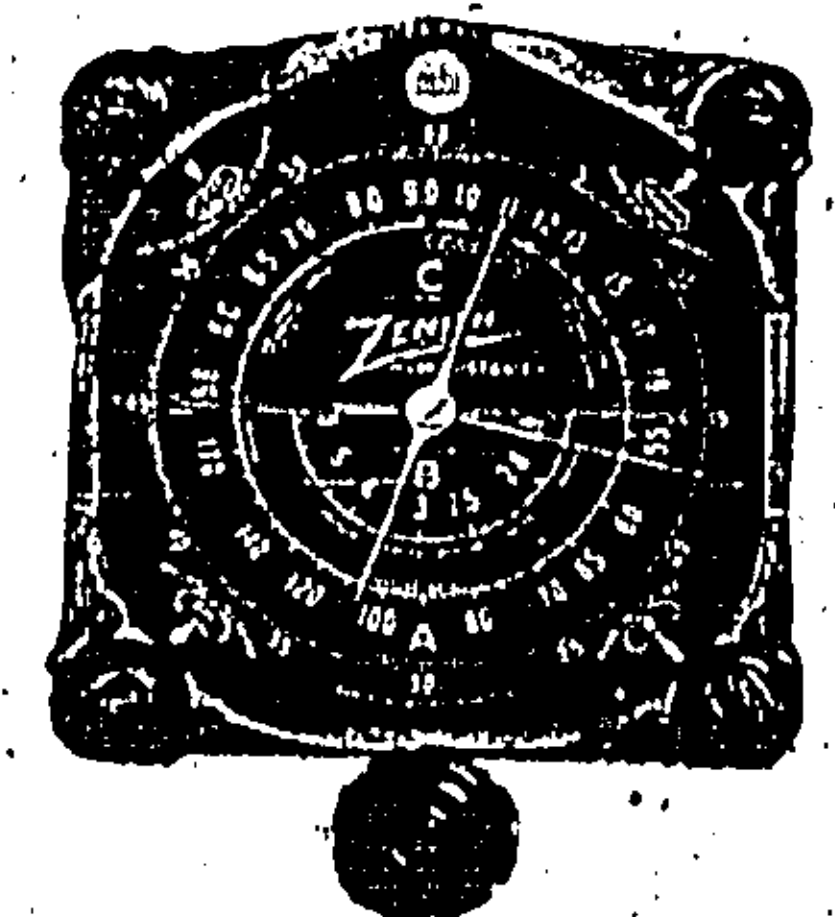
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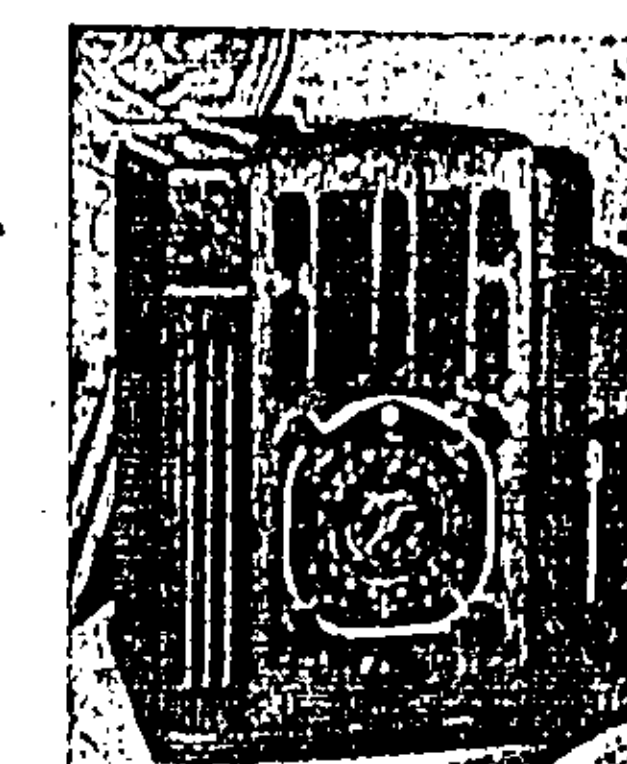
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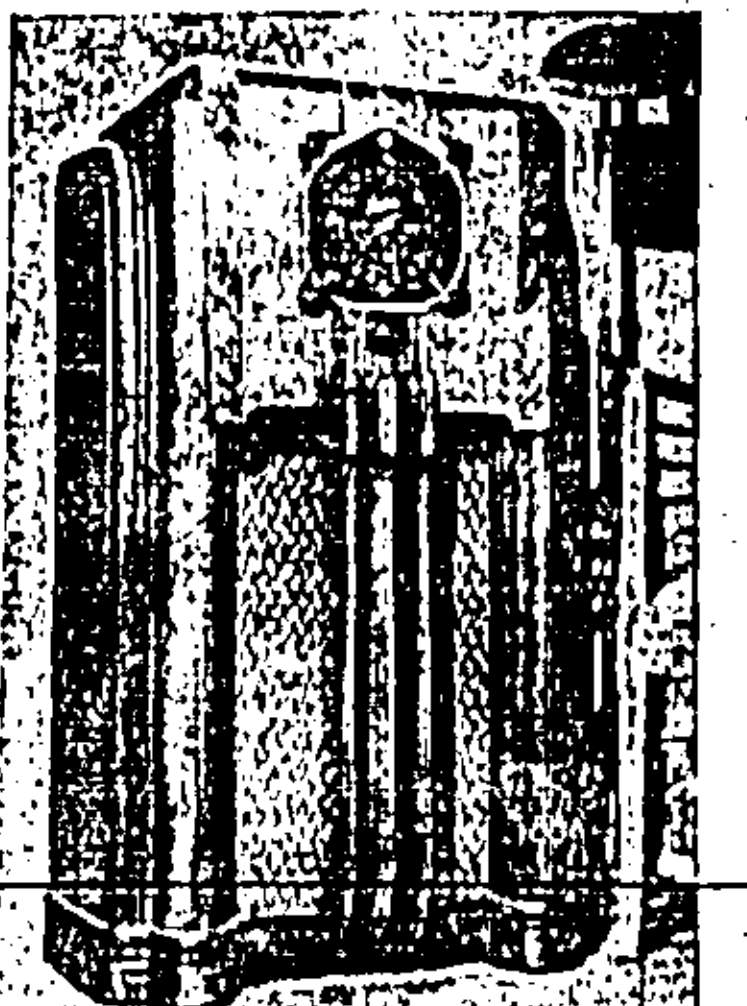
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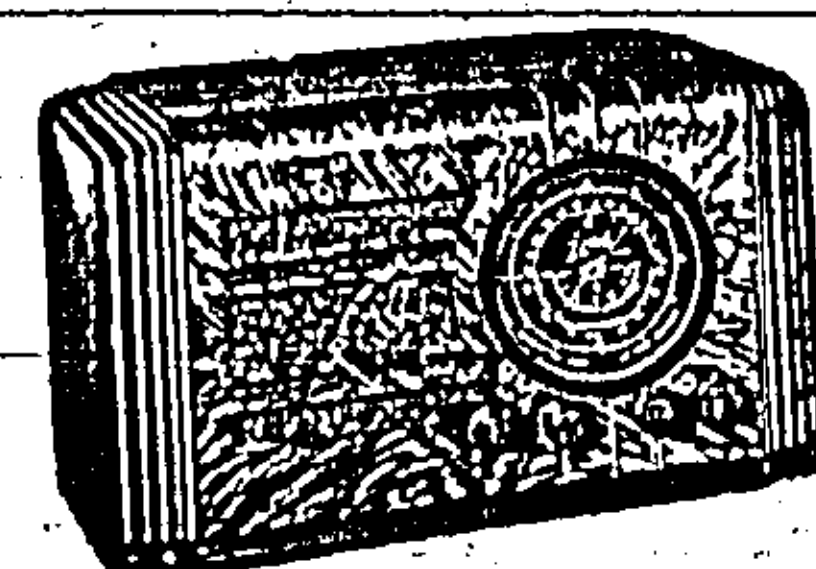
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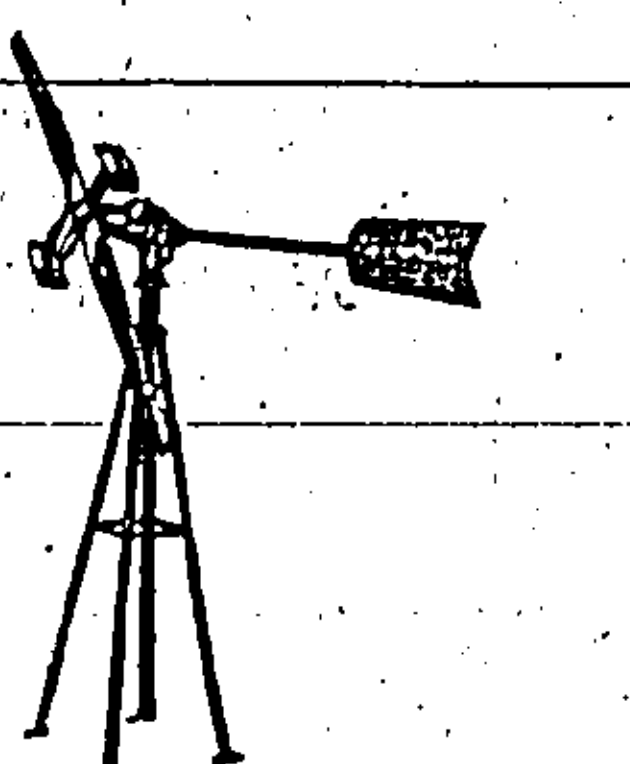
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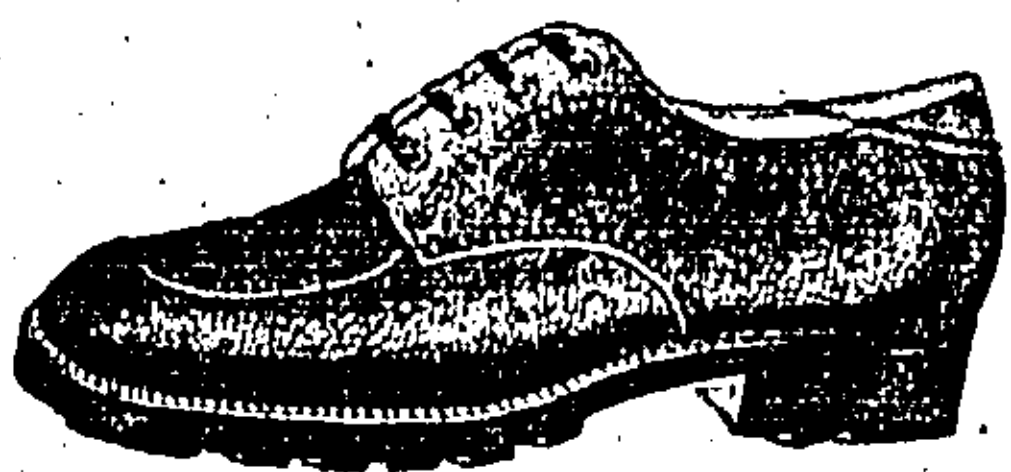
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THE PASSING OF A STATESMAN

Britons everywhere, whatever
their political views, will have
learned with the deepest regret
of the sudden passing of Sir
Austen Chamberlain, noted son
of a noted father. Politicians
who had been accustomed to see-
ing his spruce figure and hear-
ing his vibrant eloquence in the
House of Commons in recent
years found it difficult to realise
that he had passed the allotted
span of three score years and
ten. Next to Mr. Lloyd George,
the "Father" of the House, Sir
Austen had been in Parliament
longer than any other member,
having been first elected over
forty years ago. He was always
the traditional "House of Com-
mons man," and his fine Parlia-
mentary gifts, his dignified bear-
ing, and his unruffled courtesy
won him the highest respect of
all parties. There was a visible
reminder of the elder Chamber-
lain, his father, in Sir Austen,
who sat, as his parent did, with
a monocle screwed into one eye,
his hat tipped back and his legs
stretched out. Sir Austen and
his single eyeglass seemed never
parted, no more so than his
father and his monocle. There
were other physical resem-
blances, though politically father
and son travelled along some-
what different roads. Sir Aus-
ten's death will not mean, so
long as his half-brother, Neville,
is on the political scene, a sever-
ance of the last link in the House
with his father. Neville Cham-
berlain, now Chancellor of the
Exchequer, and a certainty as
the next Prime Minister, is well
on the way to seventy, but he
is a man of marked virility, in
spite of his years, and it was his
ascendancy in the last few years
that marked Sir Austen's with-
drawal to the political back-
ground. It is in the sphere of
foreign affairs that Sir Austen
made his greatest mark, and
Locarno will ever be associated
with his name. Unhappily, at
the moment the conclusion of a
new accord to replace the treaty
which Germany denounced
seems beset with obstacles. In
the past few years, Sir Austen
displayed a rather more mellow
outlook on politics than
when he held office. He
focused public attention on the
slim clearance problem by some
remarkably eloquent and moving
appeals for the "under-dog" liv-

With the whole World to Choose from (Hongkong excepted)

"THE sentence is
that you be de-
barred from liv-
ing in Hongkong for the
rest of your life. Every
other town and city in the
world, however, is open to
you. You are, therefore, at
liberty to choose the one in
which you will spend the
remainder of your days."

Sounds rather
like a dream,
doesn't it? Well,
it was, but not
of the cus-
tomary kind.
The vision came to me in the
day-time, and was the direct re-
sult of finding myself homeless
after I had decided to change
from one flat to another.

HAS it occurred to you
that it is not easy to
select another place in which to
live if for any odd reason you
were thrown out of the one you
like best?

I AM acquainted with
most of the big
places of the earth, and in quite
a number I have friends who
would offer a welcome. But
which to pick on to pass the
years that are left to me—there
was the problem.

IN the end I made a list
of the towns and
cities I felt were qualified to pro-
vide me with the things I regard-
ed as common-places in Hong-
kong. Trimmed, it contained
these names: New York, Mont-
real, Halifax (Nova Scotia),
Hamilton (Bermuda), Chicago,
Colombo (Ceylon), Paris, Mar-
sailles, Capetown, Salt Lake
City, Le Touquet, Nice, Geneva,
San Francisco, Reno, Rome,
Copenhagen, Brussels, Berlin,
Cologne, Naples, Moscow, Que-
bec, Kingston (Jamaica), Monte
Carlo, Palma (Majorca),
Madeira, Barcelona, Jersey, Do-
roit, Johannesburg, Philadel-
phia, Los Angeles, Boston,
Toronto.

THERE were over 20
more that did not
pass the fairly high standard I
had set. But 35 was enough to
go on with, enough, indeed, even
for an exile.

First to be struck out were
Rome, Moscow, and Berlin, in
that order. I have no wish to
spend a moment in dicta-
torial countries, and as I am un-
able to discern much difference
(particularly so far as liberty of
the subject is concerned) be-
tween Fascism and Communism
I counted Moscow with Rome
and Berlin, and marked them
out. I would hate to be one of
three, and be left wondering
whether the third member of
the company was a spy.

EQUALLY I would hate
to have my move-
ments ordered, my enthusiasm
curtailed to cheers for a person
who had decreed I should raise
them, and my identity sunk in a
comic coloured shirt.

There are lovely regions in
Rome and in Berlin and Moscow.
But they would not suit me. I
want no part of them. Musso-
lini and Hitler and Stalin can
have the lot. When I vote I will
vote as I wish to, not at the ring
of a bell, or the unfurling of a
flag, or the booming of a gun.

Le Touquet intrigued for a
while, chiefly because I could al-
ways remember that if my sen-
tence were lifted any of my air-
pilot pals could run me home in
about 20 minutes, and also be-
cause at certain seasons it is
merely a part of Kensington,
Surrey, Westminster, Brixton,
and Hampstead. But the re-
sident hotel-keepers and trades-
men have the same trick of

living in the squalid hovels of Bir-
mingham and other great cities.
Latterly, he declared that he
was never happy with the name
"Conservative." His unexpect-
ed death removes one of the
finest types of Parliamentarians,
one who was in every sense re-
presentative of the best in
British political life.

by
**TREVOR
WIGNALL**

gouging, and of discovering with
one glance the exact contents of
a money packet, that was in-
vented before they were put into
long trousers by their fellows of
Nice, Monte Carlo, Cannes, and
other places on the French and
Italian Riviera.

WITH the disappearance
of Le Touquet went
several others, but then my
thoughts dwelt for a time on
Colombo. Nice people there,
and particularly the Sinhalese.
It can be a bit trying when the
heat is properly on, but there is
much friendliness and very con-
siderable hospitality.

But then I recalled the native
quarters and the smells they
exude, the resentment of the
British (that is never very palpa-
ble, but that is definitely just
below the surface). The rains,
the winds, and the loss of caste

that can be occasioned if the
white mixes too freely with the
Sinhalese, even though the lat-
ter be of high birth.

I remembered just in time
that a number of telegraph
operators at Aden once told me
they were not received by the
other whites because they were
regarded as workmen. As I
could not stand the snobbery of
the East for more than a day,
my pen went through Colombo.

I LINGERED long with
Bermuda. Once I
was stationed on the hill at
Prospect, where the main bar-
racks are built, and there were
night, gazing over the moon-
washed sea, when I wondered
why anything so painfully love-
ly had been created Bermudians,
in the main, are steadfastly Brit-
ish, and a finer crowd I never
hope to meet—but there is a
prevailing wind that is hard on
a wonky chest, hurricanes that
can uproot trees, and a feeling
of constant slight dampness that
is not entirely pleasant. Ber-
muda got about 98 per cent. from
me, but the remaining 2 per
cent. was so important that
again I had to look elsewhere.

San Francisco. Great diffi-
culty now. Market St. and its
busy life and laughter. The
Golden Gate. Chinatown and
its fascinations. It is cool
enough on a summer's day in
'Frisco to need a light overcoat,
and there are sufficient fogs to
bring Hongkong right to one's
nose. The dead Barbary coast
provides for the thoughts enough
romance to last a lifetime, and
within easy reach there are
places to go to that are guaran-
teed cures for ennui.

I COMPARED
San Francisco
with New York,
Chicago, Toron-
to, Boston, Phi-
ladelphia, De-
troit, Halifax,
but still 'Frisco
won. The only
town that
threatened to
nose it out was
New York. I
have so many
friends there,
and I know it so
well. My brain was juggling
with the two when flashes came
of Quebec and Salt Lake City.

Both were immediately well in
the running, but for differing
reasons. Quebec has nearly
everything—the switchback hills
of San Francisco, the waterfront
that is even better to watch than
Battery Point, churches that
have few equals, and a quaint
atmosphere that deserves to be
preserved in a bottle. Salt
Lake City is not an oil painting,
but I like the way it is conducted,
I like the theories of the Mor-
mons and their Church, and I
like best of all the vast lake so
filled with salt that it is impos-
sible to sink.

Just at this stage I heard that
I had but three more minutes to
make up my mind, but that the
judge, recognising my extremity,
had varied the sentence by stat-
ing that I could pick six towns
or cities for my exile, but that it
was essential I should place
them in one-two-three order.
With sighs, I wrote them down
thus: 1, San Francisco; 2, Salt
Lake City; 3, Quebec; 4, New
York; 5, Le Touquet; 6, Ber-
muda.

HOLLYWOOD: A City Of Make-Believe

THOSE of us who are sometimes
engaged in the film industry in
this country, and are prone, as and
when occasion arises, to give vent to
comparison between the technique
of Hollywood, may at least console
ourselves with the thought that, up
to the moment, our own film business
has been, untrammelled with the
trammels which every little while
splashes across the page of American
film history.

The tragedy of Marie Prevost re-
ported recently, focused attention
once again on the ill-luck that seems
to dog the foot-steps of those on
whom Fortune once smiled.

Too many people have started in
the celluloid city with nothing but
dreams and aspirations. Too many
of them, over-publicised, their names
strung in electric lights throughout
the cities of the world, have faced
the day when, deserted by their
friends, workless, and with no pros-
pect except that of a lucky job as a
waitress or a stenographer, they have
realised that Hollywood is a city of
tragedy as well as fame.

The Bubble Reputation

During the last fifteen years one
after another a list of famous stars
have come into the news. Each story
has been one of hard luck, no money,
no friends, and one may be forgiven
for wondering whether the game is
really worth the candle for the un-
fortunate people who, having tasted
a little of the sweets of life, must
perforce sink back into anonymity,
and must see pass before them in the
very place which has given them
fame the faces of the newcomers who
have stepped into their shoes.

I believe that a great deal of the
drama of Hollywood is due to the
publicity which blares forth the
charms, the prowess, or the sex-
attraction of a new star. Worth is
not regarded as being so valuable as
noise.

A great actress—renowned on the
stages of the world, with a lifetime
and experience of work behind her—
can count less than an in-
experienced and often not-too-good
young actress who, having succeeded
in one part, is taken up by a director
and "put over" by the publicity de-
partment, which extols every virtue
and extends every professional
attraction.

We have read in the Press of the
immense salaries paid to leading
actresses in the film city. Sometimes
we may have also read of the fact
that these great salaries are not al-
ways so valuable; that the standard
of living expected of a star, or even
a "starlet," is such that saving is
often impossible. A short time ago
we were told that some actors and
actresses "earn" as much as \$200
a week, during the time they worked

on three pictures a year, were "hard
up" and found it difficult to "make
ends meet."

The question as to whether the
price demanded by the film famous
is worth while is one that must take
a great deal of consideration.

After Ten Years

There seems to be a similarity be-
tween the life of a song and the life
of a film star. Once upon a time
popular songs were known, sung,
and bought for years. To-day the
life of a popular number is as eph-
emeral as a passing cloud. The life
of a film star, often dependent upon
the amount of world publicity put
out by the department, seems as
long in comparison as that of a jazz
number, and if we cast our minds
back to the stars of, say, ten years
ago, we may well ask ourselves
where they have gone, and what
they are doing.

The lesson of Hollywood seems to
be that life can be tough. The film
star, in his or her heyday, may be
able to "give it," but he or she will
do well to remember that one day
Nemesis will call, and the darling
of the film world will in due course
have to learn to "take it"—on the
chin.

Are The "Highers" Worth While?

By A SCHOOLMASTER

THE "Highers" are upon us once
again. Pupils, parents, and
teachers can think of little else.
Pupils, overburdened with work and
a sense of their own shortcomings,
are struggling hard to make good
their deficiencies. Parents are wor-
ried about their children's health
and success. Teachers are growing
uneasy about the results of their
hard and thankless task.

The reasons for all this worry?
The scholar and his parents have
somehow become convinced that
the Leaving Certificate is the sole
object in his education. It is the
hall-mark of the secondary school
pupil and the passport which allows
him to embark on his journey
through life. At least they think it
is.

After several years of teaching for
the "Highers" I am more than ever
convinced of the futility of the whole
business—unless the pupil intends to
go on to the University. The
Leaving Certificate is not a passport
to life but to the University—and
parents ought to be told so. It

The technique of Hollywood, that
of continuously producing something
new, of not allowing the public to
make its own stars, of thrusting new
stars upon a world which is becoming
slightly bored with the everlasting
stories of a "new find" whose charm
and art will surpass that of anyone
who has ever gone before, may be
very good for the finances of the
film companies, but it does not seem
so good for the stars—it was not so
good for poor Marie Prevost.

And it seems to me that one day—
and perhaps sooner than some of us
think—the directors of Hollywood
must pause for a moment in their
hurried search for new talent, and
wonder whether, in the long run,
too much publicity and too much
drum-beating will not eventually
defeat themselves; whether a "publi-
city sick" world will not decide that
it will select its own stars and its
own favourites—on merit.

The story of Marie Prevost is
the story of Hollywood. She was
glamorous, popular, famous. She
had everything. Her pictures had
delighted audiences throughout the
world. She had brought pleasure
and amusement to a million people.
And she died because she could not
get a job.

Jasper Maskelyne

A Strange Mixture

The latest tendency seems to be
to make the coveted certificate more
easily obtainable and consequently
more useless. The number of sub-
jects necessary appears to have been
reduced, and it is now possible to
gain a certificate with a queer assort-
ment of "Higher" and "Lower"
knowledge—a mixture of chemistry
and classics, of art and German
geography and Greek, dynamics and
domestic science. It is indeed diffi-
cult to imagine what trade or pro-
fession requires a knowledge of such
widely divergent subjects as Greek
and domestic science.

If, however, the aim of a second-
ary school should be to provide a
general education, such combinations
would, and should, exist. But why
pretend that it is impossible to have
a good education without a Leaving
Certificate? The Leaving Certificate
(Continued on Page 5.)

AUSTRALIA AS OUTLET FOR JAPAN'S

SURPLUS PEOPLE QUESTIONS IN DIET ON POSITION OF PROBLEM

Matter To Be Included In Treaty Negotiations

CONSIDERABLE alarm has been caused in the Netherlands Indies by Japan's supposed designs of eventual conquest, her plan of peaceful penetration having been checkmated. This has now had its repercussions in Japan, where a suggestion has been made in the Lower House that Japan should negotiate a non-aggression pact with Holland, at the same time proposing to lease a portion of the Dutch Far Eastern Dominions.

Of greater immediate interest and importance to Britain is the question of Japanese immigration to Australia, which has again been raised in the Diet. From the Premier's reply it is evident that, far from being abandoned, this idea is still prominent and it is hoped that a satisfactory arrangement with Australia may eventually be reached.

Tokyo, Feb. 28.

In the Lower House, the conclusion of a non-aggression pact with the Netherlands was to-day suggested and also that Japan should approach Netherlands for permission to lease Dutch New Guinea.

The Premier replied that the matter will be studied, adding that Japan had no territorial ambitions in the Dutch East Indies.

Mr. Sakurai questioned the position of the Japanese immigration problem with Australia and then asked why the Japanese Government did not display the same coolness in dealing with Anglo-Japanese relations as Great Britain.

The Premier replied that Japan wishes to settle the immigration problem when it concludes the treaty with Australia in the near future and added that it was very urgent to meet in time an attempt of Japanese relations through a deepening of mutual understanding, in which connection the most important thing was to let Great Britain understand Japan's position in East Asia.—*Reuter*

Netherlands Indies Suspicious

Though some men in Java dismiss the possibility of an invasion in parts of Netherlands India, there are more who believe that in time an attempt might be made to take a small part of New Guinea or Borneo, says the Special Correspondent in Java of a London Journal. They believe that the expedition might be too small to provoke Great Britain or some other great power into retaliation, and that the Dutch would have to solve the matter by themselves.

This is the "impudent trick" possibly referred to by the former Governor-General, Jonkheer de Jonge, in an interview given in Holland recently. The Jonkheer spoke of a "deed of aggression in order to intimidate." We must be on the alert, and besides we must be a valuable support to an eventual ally.

The last part of this remark goes to show that the former Governor-General agrees with those who say that history teaches that nations which are not active in defence on their own behalf are not considered when a peace is signed, even if they are on the winning side.

Duelling Doctor Fights For 1½ Hours

Budapest, Mar. 1.
Dr. FRANCIS SARGA, "the duelling doctor," who issued a dozen challenges in connection with his marriage to a beautiful Hungarian society girl, fought a sabre duel for one and a half hours with a former sailor of his wife in a fencing school in Budapest to-day.

Dr. Sarga's opponent was a bank official, Vitez de Vasovny.

In the seventh round Sarga, giving one of his gorilla-like war cries, jumped in to attack and side-stepping his opponent, pierced him on the left hip inflicting a fairly serious wound.

In the fourteenth round Vasovny fractured his knee and the duel was stopped by the doctor owing to his great exhaustion.

Dr. Sarga is to fight two more duels this week.—*Reuter*

Eat, Drink And Be Careful

Vienna, Mar. 1.
A WOMAN who sat at a cafe table with a married man, has been ordered by a Vienna judge to pay the wife damage for alienating his affections.

The judge said that none of the witnesses had testified to anything worse than their sitting in a cafe together.

The judge said that nothing more was needed.

Miss Otis Vainly Regrets

IT is not to be expected that the average Chinese boy is very familiar with the name "Otis." Far less with the dance tune, "Miss Otis Regrets."

Thereby hangs the following tale, says the North-China Daily News. At a certain foreign club in Shanghai a group consisting of members of the younger set were gathered in friendly conversation.

"Why not dance?" some one suggested. There being a radio gramophone in the room, the idea was received with acclamation.

"Put on Miss Otis Regrets," she's unable to dance to-day," a member of the party said to one of the club boys.

"What tune you wanchee?" queried the boy.

"Miss Otis Regrets she's unable to dance to-day."

"What thing?" replied the boy somewhat indignantly, "Miss Otis no belong member of this club."

1,300 WOULD-BE ARCTIC AMAZONS

THIRTEEN HUNDRED WOMEN HAVE WRITTEN ASKING TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 1937 BRITISH ARCTIC EXPEDITION; NUMBER OF LETTERS FROM MEN—500. THE EXPEDITION HEADQUARTERS IN LOWER REGENT-ST. LONDON, HAVE BEEN INUNDATED WITH REQUESTS FROM WOULD-BE "ARCTIC AMAZONS."

By A Correspondent

"And the answer to all those women is 'No,'" said expedition leader Ernest W. Walker, thirty-one, slim and short. Mr. Walker introduced me to a group of alert-looking members of the expedition, smiling at his dark-haired wife and said: "I'm not even taking her with me, though we've never been parted for more than five hours in five years."

"Women of all types have offered their services. Their ages have ranged from seventeen to seventy, though most of the letters were written by women between seventeen and twenty-one and fifty and sixty."

"The sixty-five-year-old wife of an Indian Army officer asked to come. A young girl gave as qualifications the facts that she had learned cooking in the Girl Guides and had spent a

Four Fair Empress Passengers On Cruise Around World



Miss Margarita Martin of Paris, Lady Patricia Wellesley, Mrs. Paul Goodridge of Bridgeport, Conn., and Mrs. Alejandro Falls of Havana, Cuba, aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain on which they are circling the globe. They arrive in Hongkong on Monday.

POVERTY IN THE NAVY

Officers Cannot Afford To Marry

London, Feb. 24.

A QUESTION which Rear-Admiral Sir Murray Sueter is to ask the First Lord of the Admiralty on Wednesday on the subject of marriage allowances for naval officers reflects the opinion of many members of Parliament on both sides of the House.

He is to ask the First Lord whether he is aware of the recent decision to grant marriage allowances to officers of the Royal Indian Navy, and whether, in view of the improved financial position of the country and the increasing expenses of young married naval officers, he will provide in the estimates for a marriage allowance for naval officers, and so redress a long-standing grievance.

Recent correspondence in the Press has disclosed that this grievance, long patiently borne, has been treated officially with so much indifference that it is now a cause of grave dissatisfaction, amounting to resentment, in all naval circles outside the Admiralty.

The naval officers have what appears to be an unanswerable case.

HIS PAY NOT ENOUGH

The War Office and the Air Ministry assist the marriages of private soldiers and airmen at 26 and of officers at 30. Last September the Admiralty increased the allowance to married naval ratings from 7s. to 10s. a week. The naval officer is ignored.

The consequence is that a naval officer reaching the rank of lieutenant-commander soon after 30 cannot marry with any prudence upon his pay. If he does marry, or has no private means, it is pointed out that he must throw upon his wife the whole burden of financial stringency and force upon her the most rigorous birth control.

AIR FORCE BETTER OFF

The anomaly of his position is shown in the fact that when a squadron leader of the Air Force, stated in King's Regulations to hold the same relative rank as the lieutenant-commander, is posted to one of His Majesty's ships (Air Regulation 3284) and thereby "separated from his family" he receives a consolidated marriage allowance of £138 17s. 6d. a year, whereas the lieutenant-commander is entitled to no marriage allowance, though his basic pay is inferior to the squadron leader's by £60 18s. 4d.

The naval officer is at a great disadvantage compared with officers in either of the other two Services.

He is subject to sudden and frequent moves from place to place; and it is not uncommonly happens that when he has gone to the expense of arranging for his family to join him at one station he is then appointed to another.

WITHOUT REASON OR JUSTICE

In any case, if he is moved to a foreign station, he must provide the passage money for his wife and family or remain away from them for long periods.

There appears to be neither reason nor justice in requiring from the naval officer sacrifices not imposed upon his opposite number in the other Services.

It is understood that the First Lord of the Admiralty has been impressed with the arguments put before him in favour of the marriage allowance. But the fear is expressed that he may be induced to postpone action indefinitely on the ground that the heavy national expenditure on armaments makes the moment inopportune.

Seeing that the contentment and goodwill of the officer personnel of the Navy must be regarded as a vital asset in any large defence scheme, such a plea cannot be regarded as convincing. A. J. C.

PARIS BACHELOR FINDS MARRIAGE RECORDED IN '17

Paris, Mar. 5.

Confirmed bachelors are not a rarity in the world, but a confirmed bachelor who has been married for 10 years without knowing anything about it, is. This exclusive honour is claimed by Jean Grare of Paris.

Grare discovered this state of affairs when he decided to renew his identity papers and visited his local city hall. There he found to his amazement that he had married a woman named Augustine Deduait on June 12, 1917. Grare earnestly protested his innocence and proved his case by showing papers that he had been confined in a military hospital from a battle wound on the date registered.

Further explanation provided at the town hall showed that Grare had lost his identity papers in a violent attack in September, 1917. It is presumed that some fellow-soldier used these papers to carry through an illegal marriage.

Grare states that in his 19 years of "marriage" he has never seen his "wife." Moreover, he says, he will refuse to see her if she tries to visit him, for he insists on remaining a bachelor for the rest of his life.—*United Press*

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Violin Solo—"Carmen"—Fantasy (Bizet, arr. Sarasate)... Efreim Zimbalist; Soprano Solos—Before I found you (Istvan-Rameau), Was it your smile? (Alexander-Stollberg).... Maria Eggerth; Bass-Baritone Solos—Hydras, the Cretan (Gillott)....

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7 p.m. London—Big Ben Variations in Syncopation by the Borelli Trio and Herschel Henlere (Canadian Pianist).

7.30. Closing local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35. New Light Symphony Orchestra with Herbert E. Grah (Tenor).

Orchestra—Poet and Peasant—Overture (Suppe); Tenor Solo—Heldenreise (Goethe and Werner); Orchestra—Glow Worm Idyll (Lincke); Tenor Solo—For you alone (Grieg-Hubel); Orchestra—Salut d'Amour (Elgar); Tenor Solo—Only for you—Waltz Song (Doelle-Amberg).

8 p.m. Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03. From the Studio.

A Chinese Concert.

11 p.m. Close Down.

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Northern and Southern Memories (arr. Debroy Somers); Shipmate's O' mine—Descriptive Ballad (Sanderson, Lockton & O'Reilly).

8.22. Trio in D Minor, Op. 40 (Mendelssohn), played by Cortot, Thibaud and Casals; 1st Movement—Molto allegro agitato; 2nd Movement—Andante con moto tranquillo; 3rd Movement—Scherzo; 4th Movement—Finale.

8.55 p.m. London—News and Announcements.

9.15. London—Brass Band Concert.

8.23. London—"Food for Thought." Three short talks on matters of topical interest. (Electrical Recording).

9.45. Music by Pierre.

Variations libres et finale... Quintette Instrumental de Paris; Entrance of the Little Fauns... Jack Payne and His B.B.C. Dance Orchestra; Serenade... Renee Chemet (Violin).

10 p.m. London—Big Ben.

Vocal—Let's call a heart a heart... Bing Crosby; Piano Solos—I wait for you, Heute Nacht oder Nie!... Milcha Spollansky; Vocal—Deep shadows... Frances Langford; Instrumental—Memphis Blues... Ern Pettifer (Clarinet); Organ Solos—Funeral March of a Marionette, Nola d'Amour (Elgar); Vocal—I heard, Sydney Gustard; Vocal—I heard, (Continued on Page 5.)

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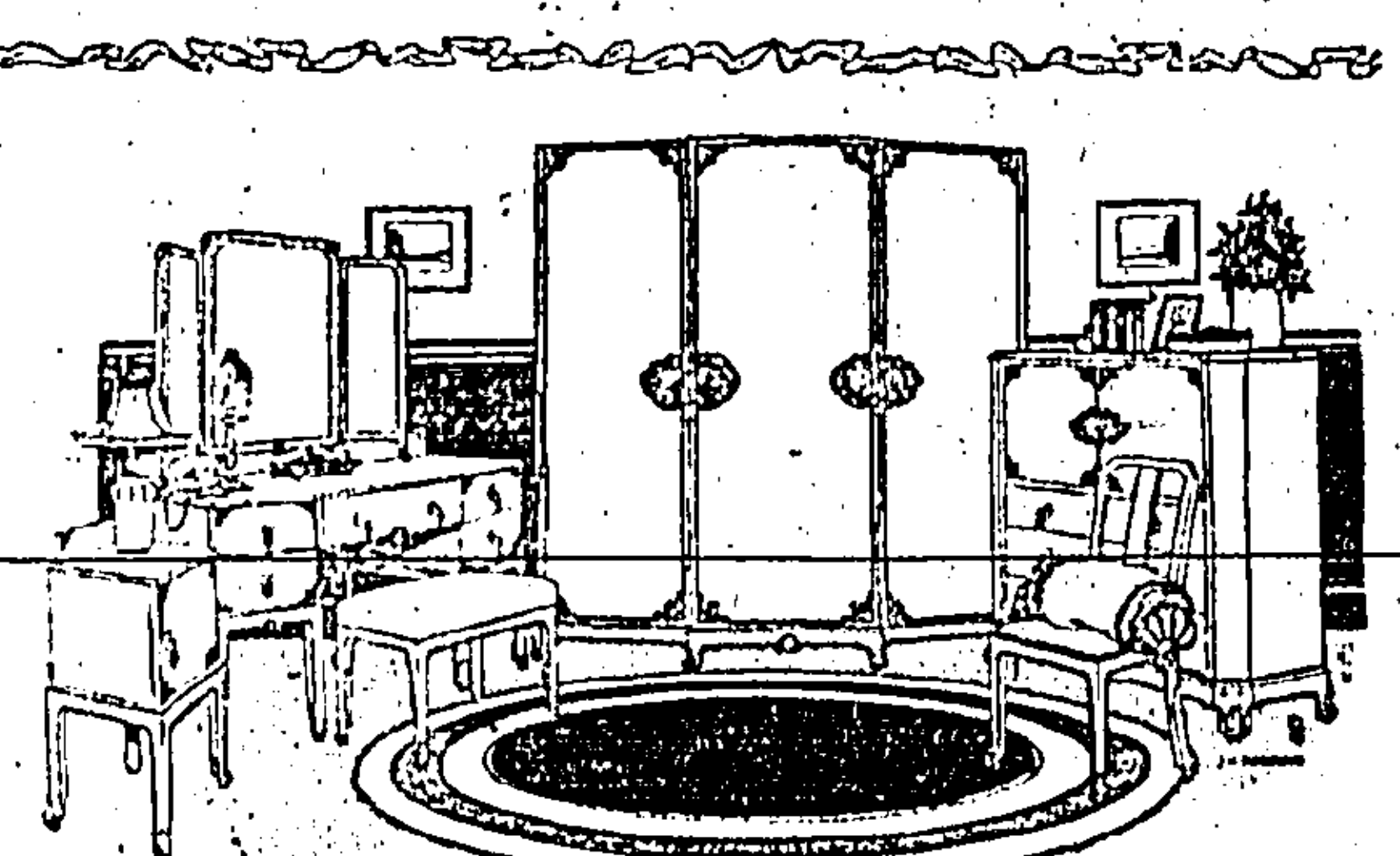
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OUR WEEKLY
HOCKEY FEATURE

"The Pilgrim" Suggests

CHAMPIONS-REST
THIS WEEKABOLITION OF MAMAK & UNITED TOURNAMENTS:
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SHOULD TAKE CONTROLWILL PLAY
FOR THE
RESTMiss Hall (top
left) of D.G.S.,
Mrs. Hole (R.U.R.)
top right, and Mrs.
Weir (H.K. Ladies)
opposite, who will
be playing for the
Rest against the
Brawn Cup cham-
pions on Saturday.TO-DAY'S
TENNIS
MATCHESKong Against
Leonard

(By "Veritas")

The only singles match down for to-day in the tennis championships is between Paul Kong and J. W. Leonard, who meet in the second round. The encounter should provide much to interest.

Kong should certainly win, but Leonard's steadiness is likely to yield him several games. Leonard is not an easy player to beat, and I rather expect Kong will have to rely upon a forecourt attack. Leonard is thoroughly at home in baselinet duels. We shall have a contrast of styles and probably some highly interesting exchanges.

Full programme is as under:

OPEN SINGLES

Paul Kong v. J. W. Leonard.

OPEN DOUBLES

Wong Shui-wing and Luk Wing-cheong v. Y. N. Tam and S. Wong.
A. M. Rodrigues and L. A. Silva v. H. P. Ong and J. Hsu.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

R. M. Wood v. A. S. Read; V. R. Gordon v. J. C. Pool;
H. Owen Hughes v. T. C. Monaghan.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

G. W. Sewell and E. Bathurst v. A. H. McBride and N. K. Littlejohn;
A. T. Dow and H. D. Biddell v. G. E. R. Divett and B. O'M. Deane.

THRILLS
OF THE
BIG RACE

Crack Jockey

Beaten By
Head

London, Mar. 17. The Lincolnshire Handicap, the first big race of the season opened with a real thrill to-day with the little apprentice jockey Douglas Smith fighting out a ding-dong finish with the master jockey, Gordon Richards.

Both were riding greys, and Smith got Marmaduke Jinks, starting at 33 to 1 and owned by Mrs. C. B. Robinson, home by a head in front of Mr. Martin Benson's Laureat, a 100 to 7 chance, with Mr. Davey's Coldron, a rank 66 to 1 outsider two lengths away for third place.

Thirty-two horses ran in the race, and both the winner and the third placed horse were trained in Yorkshire.

Two of the best backed horses, Edgell, a 10 to 1 favourite and Monte Sano, at 100 to 8 failed to reach the first 14 at the finish. Nipway, another well fancied competitor, lost its jockey close to home and when running fifth, but it was a beaten horse at that stage.

That the race was a real lottery and that the horses drawing high numbers had far too big an advantage was shown in the fact that the first six horses drew the following places:—27, 25, 28, 20, 26 and 30.

The bookmakers actually admitted having won on the race!—*Reuter*.

Wales Wins
Football
ChampionshipBEAT IRELAND
EASILY

London, March 17. Wales to-day won the International Football Championship by beating Ireland at Wrexham by four goals to one.

A crowd of 25,000 watched the match in beautifully sunny weather, and they saw Ireland in impressive form during the early stages.

Griffiths was outstanding in the Welsh defence during this period.

Bryn Jones, Welsh inside left scored in the 25th minute after a clever combined movement, whereafter the Irish forwards seemed to lose confidence. On the other hand Wales steadily improved and Glover, the centre-forward scored in the 32nd minute. Wales led two-nil at half time.

In the 50th minute Glover scored again for Wales from Warren's pass, but Stevenson at inside left replied for Ireland when the Welsh goalkeeper dropped the ball.

Before the end Warren, Welsh left-winger obtained his team's fourth goal, and Wales ran out comfortable winners.—*Reuter*.

ARE there too many hockey

tournaments in Hongkong? "The Pilgrim"—Hongkong's best-informed hockey commentator says Yes. In the accompanying article he sets out his reasons why he has reached this conclusion, further pointing out that many of the competitions are organised outside of the Hongkong Hockey Association, which body is scarcely taking its rightful position as the parent of the game in this Colony.

"The Pilgrim" outlines a plan for the co-ordination of the existing tournaments to come under the single control of the H.K.H.A. He further emphasises the increasing part the Hockey Umpires Board should play in the promotion of the game in Hongkong. His article contains some of the most constructive criticism ever written about hockey in Hongkong.

RUMJAHN
DID NOT
IMPRESSGrose Like A
Text-BookIMMACULATE LEE
WAI-TONG

(By "Veritas")

Sirdar Rumjahn won his match against Frank Grose yesterday in the Colony open singles tennis championship, but it cannot be said that he looked a natural successor to Tsui Wai-pui as champion of the Colony. Only occasionally did he touch anything resembling champion's form, and chiefly he won on Grose's mistakes, which were numerous.

Grose offered much better opposition than generally anticipated. At times he played like a Mercer Beasley text book, making stylish backhand drives, and both wings following them up with winning volleys. He had Rumjahn running from side to side with his deeply placed drives, but so often, having lured Sirdar out of the court, he planted his next return into the net when he had the Indian at his mercy. These errors also usually came at vital stages of a game, and they certainly cost Grose the second set.

Rumjahn was unexpectedly thrust on to the defence for the most part of the match, and though he did score with some gorgeous shots, he was not so impressive as one naturally anticipated he would be.

Of the two Grose played the more attractive tennis, but he lacked steadiness and balance when these two qualities were chiefly needed.

IMMACULATE TENNIS

Lee Wai-tong played immaculate tennis to beat Leys, the tall, ace-serving Cricket Club exponent by 6-0, 7-5. Lee might have won easier for he led 4-2 and 5-3 in the second set, but Leys suddenly gained some reasonable control of his shots and with a succession of perfect lobs pegged Lee back to five-all before the Chinese again assumed the ascendancy.

Leys, though serving with enormous strength and speed, did not have this shot under control, and was guilty of many double faults. Even more disconcerting to him was Lee's clever return of his best deliveries, the Chinese employing a lot of backspin out which forced Leys up to the forecourt from where he was continually passed either with beautiful lobs or well placed cut drives.

Lee exploited all of his known shots in the course of the match, and he used them so efficiently that one could not help ranking him on this display as a real threat for the title. He was never disconcerted, and placed the ball just where he liked. It was one of the coolest displays of brainy tennis seen in the championships for many a long day.

It was a pity Leys could not gain full control over the ball. In the second set he whipped some first-rate ground shots, but he could not sustain a long rally and constantly cleared the lines by a yard. The failure of his service probably had an adverse effect upon him temperamentally, as it is usually a weapon formidable enough to win him his games. Lee Wai-tong proves once again that something more than a cannon-ball service is needed to win championship matches.

Yesterday's results were as follows:

There Are
Too Many
CompetitionsCO-ORDINATION IS
ESSENTIAL

New Plan Outlined

ONE of the most important features of sport in Hongkong is the rapid development of competitive hockey. The game has grown so quickly, has become so widely popular, that its demands have tended to outstrip the legislative efficiency of the Hongkong Hockey Association, which is supposed to safeguard the game's interests in the Colony. In fact one is led to this conviction: that at the present time there are too many hockey tournaments in Hongkong.

Here, for example, is a list of the competitions now in existence for the men:

The Mamak Tournament
The United Tournament
The Triangular Tournament
The International Tournament
The Inter-Section Tournament

And on top of these competitions some of which are run on knock-out lines, others as leagues, there are numerous representative games, and Interports.

This season, for instance, we have all of the competitions noted above, and in addition, there has been the visit here of the Waseda University which entailed a programme of seven matches, plus six trial games, followed by an Interport against Macao, and possibly another Interport to come against Shanghai.

Altogether much too strenuous a season for an individual player who happens to be in the A1 class and therefore liable to be called upon to figure in the majority of the events.

MY SUGGESTIONS

Because of this I would like to suggest that the Hongkong Hockey Association organize a competition, which might be called upon to figure in the majority of the events.

This tournament, I suggest, is used to take the place of the existing Mamak and United Tournaments, so that the whole of the Colony's hockey competitions will come under the direct control of the Association.

The Triangular Tournament should include a team representing the Civilian Clubs instead of the Hongkong Hockey Club as at present; and this would also do away with the necessity of a Civilian v. Services match.

The following would be the various competitions run by the Association: H.K.H.A. Tournament (three divisions with home and away games)

Triangular Tournament

International Tournament

Interports and Representative Games

Civilian and Services teams to-day are being encouraged to join a whole host of competitions with very little chance of being in a position to complete their fixture lists, and there does seem room for some plan of co-ordination, preferably, in fact necessarily, under the aegis of the Hongkong Hockey Association.

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

What's more the Umpires Hockey Board would figure prominently in such a plan. Its functions would be greatly enlarged, for among other things it would be responsible for appointing qualified umpires for all tournament games as well as for examining umpires with a view to their qualifying. The question of the importance of creating an Umpires Association, which body could deal with matters such as payment of fees to umpires as suggested in these columns a few weeks ago, and generally speaking, could look after the interests of our hockey umpires. It is possible these suggestions may appear to have come like a bolt from the blue, but I have spoken to several

THIS is what "The Pilgrim" suggests in the accompanying article on the question of re-organising hockey tournaments in Hongkong.

Substitution of the Mamak Tournament, the United Tournament and similar competitions by a tournament, organised by the Hongkong Hockey Association, to be called for example the Victoria Hockey Tournament, or the Hongkong Hockey Tournament. This to be split into three sections, and open to all Army, Navy and Civilian teams.

Representative Civilian Clubs team to take the place of the Hongkong Hockey Club in the Triangular Tournament.

The control and organisation of the following competitions by the H.K.H.A.:—Hongkong Hockey Tournament (comprising three divisions with home and away matches), Triangular Tournament, Inter-Sectional Tournament, and Interport and Representative games.

The creation of a Hockey Umpires Association for the appointment of qualified umpires for all tournament fixtures, the examination of umpires who wish to become qualified, and to deal with all matters relating to umpires in the Colony.

SCRAPPY
GAME OF
HOCKEYClub Lose To
Recreio

(By "The Pilgrim")

A somewhat scrappy game of hockey was played on the Club ground yesterday, when Club de Recreio with only ten men, yet representative of Portugal's strongest, beat the Club by a solitary goal scored by J. Pinto in the first few minutes of the game.

The Recreio were fortunate to win the match, but it must be admitted that handicapped as they were, they gave a very creditable performance. The absence of L. Oliveira made a tremendous difference to the team, which hardly played in keeping with the result.

The Recreio attack was not frightfully impressive, hit and rush methods being employed by B. Gosano, Pinto and Sousa, and usually these were easily countered by Benwell in the Club goal who ran out and cleared without difficulty.

J. Goncalves played a splendid game at centre-half, while Rodrigues and E. L. Gosano were a safe pair of backs. Rodrigues was a trifle on the slow side and this might have been exploited to some good purpose by the Club attack, but they did not seize upon the opportunity. E. Alves in goal played a confident game and looked after his charge very well.

The Club forward line looked nice and played with thoroughly good understanding, but they were slow in grasping chances and were not very dangerous in front of goal.

V. Bond and Bickford were rather off form, whilst Divett was a slow leader. The brothers, G. and S. Fowler were the danger spot in the Club attack, but they were very well held by Beltrao and Gosano.

W. A. Reed was useful, the pick of the half backs with Starbuck on his right putting in some hard work in an unusual position. E. V. Reed was the better of the two backs while Benwell showed up exceedingly well in goal, played a fine game in the second half. He saved very cleverly from Pinto and Nolasco.

This was, I believe, the last game of the season for the Club, and they certainly gave signs of that end-of-the-season feeling. N. Whitley's absence at left half was felt, and generally speaking the Club did not come up to reputation.

FERRY DEFEATS VINES

New York, Mar. 17. Fred Perry beat Ellsworth Vines here last night by 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Vines is now leading by 17 matches to 15.—*Reuter's Bulletin*.

Mamak Teams
Please
Take Note!

The Hon. Secretary of the Mamak Hockey Tournament wishes to remind all teams participating in the competition that their fixtures must be completed by March 31.

It is very doubtful whether an extension will be granted.

The Quoc Case
Of V. Bond Is
Cleared-Up

I understand that V. Bond, the well-known local hockey player has every chance of playing for England in the International Tournament, writes "The Pilgrim". He informs me that there is no question about his being half Scotch—half English, as both his parents are English. The reason why he played for Scotland last year was because the Scottish team was one short and he was asked to make up the eleven. This, however, was no fault of Bond's and the proper explanation should be made by those in authority. The rule itself is very misleading on the subject and this particular case is to be investigated by the committee. He should find no difficulty in making the English team for the final game.

CLOSE OF
SEASON
MATCHES
Champions
V.
The Rest

(By "The Pilgrim")

The ladies bring the 1936-7 hockey season to a close on Saturday next when the annual Winners v. The Rest match will be played.

Captain Clark Cup winners this year are the Y.M.C.A. and they will oppose a representative team on the Club ground, King's Park at 4 o'clock.

The winners of the Brawn Cup (Central British School "A") will play the Rest on the same ground at 3 o'clock. Both matches are bound to prove interesting as the Rest are turning out two strong sides.

The senior XI includes seven Interports and it looks as though the champions are in for a beating. The junior side is also the strongest available, and I think it is certain that the champions will lose.

The following are the representative teams.

Rest XI to play Y.M.C.A.:—Mrs. Rose (St. Andrews); Miss E. Gray (H.K.H.A.); and Miss J. Smalley (H.K.L.H.C.); Miss I. Woolley (C.B.A.); Miss J. Wong (St. Andrews); and Miss K. Glover (H.K.L.H.C.); Miss F. Wong (St. Andrews); Miss W. Marsh (H. K. L. H. C.); Mrs. Donald (H.K.L.H.C.); Miss P. Gittins (St. Andrews); and Miss D. Hunt (C.B.A.).

The team to play the Brawn Cup champions will be:

Miss Hall (D.G.S.); Mrs. Rotcliffe (R.U.R.); and Miss Parsons (C.B.A.); Miss Dodd (D.G.S.); Mrs. Hole (R.U.R.); and Mrs. Weir (H.K.F.); Mrs. Weir (H.K.L.H.C.); Mrs. Campbell (R.U.R.); Miss E. Hamon (R.U.R.); Miss M. Smalley (H.K.L.H.C.); and Miss Dockler (C.B.S.).
Reserves:—Mrs. Dominy, Mrs. Price, and Miss Churn.

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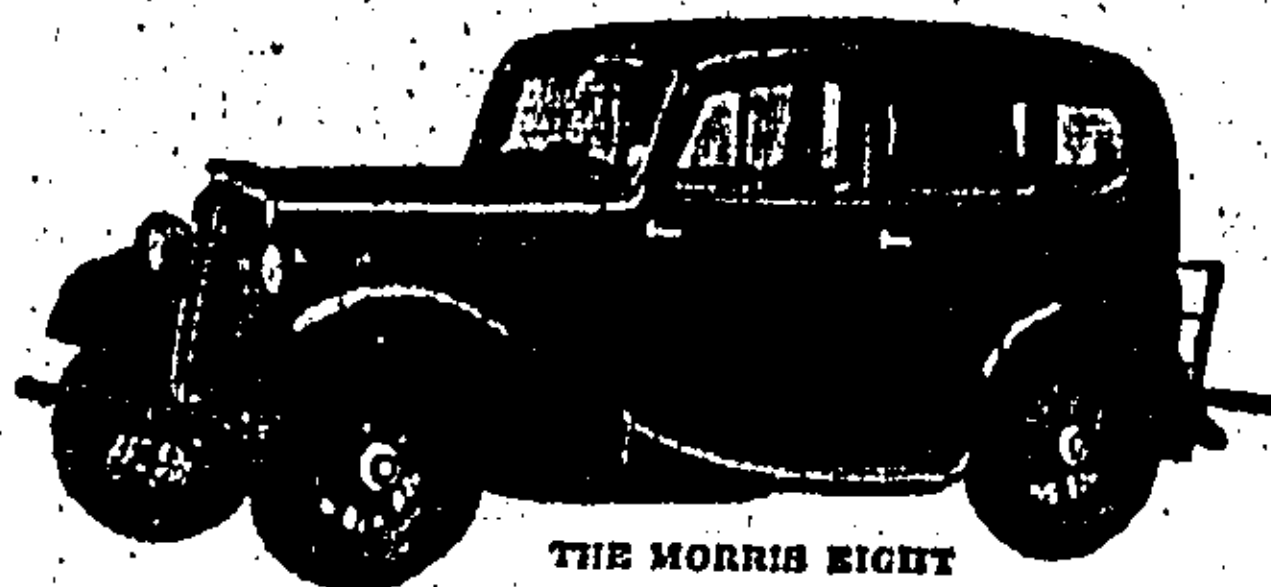
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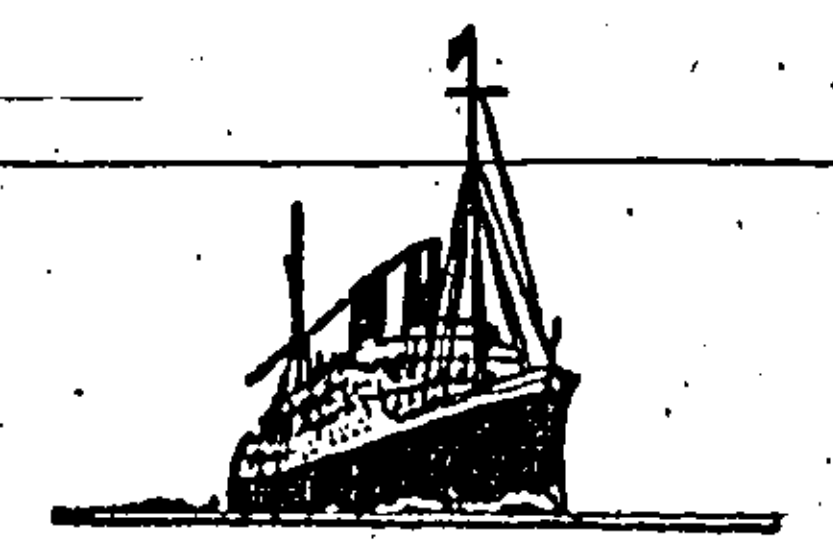
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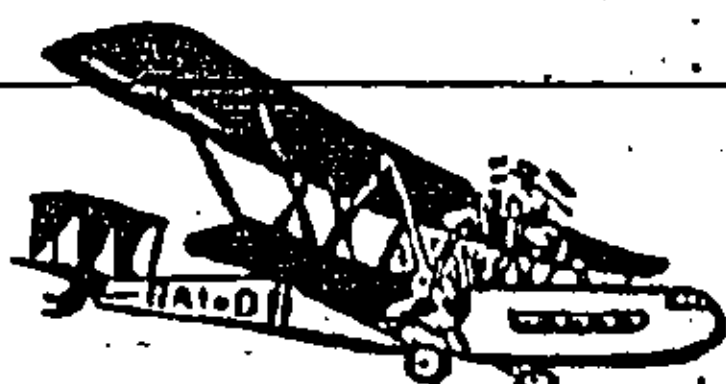
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OLIVERIA AGAIN ESCAPES BY SKIN OF HIS TEETH

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(By "Veritas")

WHETHER he wins any of the titles or not, M. A. Oliveira will be able to look back at the 1936-37 badminton championships of the Colony with a good deal of interest and satisfaction, knowing that he has helped to provide some of the most exciting encounters of the tournament.

On three occasions Oliveira, who is regarded very favourably as a potential champion, has been next door to defeat, only to pull the game out of the fire at the very last minute. Last evening, in company with J. J. Remedios, he supplied the chief thrills in the quarter-finals of the men's doubles championship. He and Remedios were opposed to T. J. Ong and F. Koh of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. The Recreio pair lost the first game, won the second and were trailing 3-11 in the third. By this time Ong and Koh appeared to be well on top, yet they could not consolidate, and by dint of Oliveira and effort on the part of Remedios and then the Recreio couple went away for the next four points and the match.

ONG'S BRILLIANCE

T. J. Ong, the same player who gave Oliveira such a fright in the quarter-finals of the open singles, played brilliant badminton for the major part of the match. He displayed wonderful speed and agility in moving about the court, always finding time to make his strokes deliberately. He cunningly disguised his drop shots in consequence of which they often scored outright, or forced up a weak return which the opposition could not help smashing for an ace, while his overhead work was magnificent. Ong made short shrift of the rather careless service deliveries on the part of Oliveira and Remedios, rushing them to such good purpose that he rarely failed to "kill" them first time.

Until the Recreio players started their third-set recovery, Ong dominated the court, and played some of the most spectacular badminton seen yet in the championships.

Koh's partner, was not quite so confident nor secure, lacking the same speed of foot and being liable to break down in the extended rallies. Yet he gave good support and if anything was the steadier of the two players towards the end.

DETERMINATION WINS

Full marks go to Oliveira and Remedios for their fine fighting cover, which all seemed over. Determination rather than the excellence of their badminton pulled them through. Remedios was a very important factor in deciding the last points of the match, though he went completely to pieces in the early stages of the third game.

Both players served poorly, but in the rallies they displayed pretty understanding and their team work was a big contributing factor to the result.

Oliveira was chiefly notable for some decisive "killing" while

Remedios employed finesse as well as showing a sound overhead.

In the first game Oliveira and Remedios led two-love, but Ong and Koh took a 3-2 lead which was immediately taken away and the Recreio pair went to 7-4. Then followed a startling run of success by Ong and Koh, who advanced from 4-7 in arrears to lead 10-7. Then Oliveira and Remedios picked up a point, but the Y.M.C.A. couple got on top again and won the game without conceding another ace.

The Recreio players obtained a long lead of seven-love in the second game, and although the opposition made a spirited reply, they held on to the advantage and finally went to their points for a 15-7 win.

In the deciding game, the ultimate winners led 3-1, and then the "Y" players brought their big guns into action and went right ahead, playing on the points until they led 11-3.

That was the last point they scored, although they had something like eight services and several opportunities. Gradually Oliveira and Remedios, by adding a couple of points on each service, drew up and having reached 11-all, saw their opponents go to pieces. It was a most exciting finish.

SURPRISINGLY EASY WIN

The case in which H. A. Alves and E. de Sousa beat K. S. Liew and K. L. Yung of the University took everybody by surprise. Displaying perfect combination, the Recreio players won as they liked against a pair who never looked like settling down. In both games the winners secured long leads and they eventually won the match 15-4, 15-3.

Sousa smashed beautifully while Alves adroitly placed the shuttle so that the opposition had to run about a good deal and to make hurried last-minute shots.

Yung was in poor form and could gain no control over the shuttle. Both Varsity exponents played poorly and never settled down.

SHOULD HAVE WON A GAME.

S. W. Liang and F. H. Kwok should have won the second game from T. C. Lee and P. K. Hui, the Varsity pair, but they allowed a great opportunity to slip through their grasp, the University players eventually winning a "setted" game after carrying off the first game at 15-4.

In the initial game, Liang and Kwok went to four-love, then did not score another point. In the second game they once more went to four-love, and this time consolidated. They increased the lead to 9-1, then 12-4. But the opposition began to overhaul them. Nevertheless they had splendid chances when leading 13-7, but lost them, mainly through Kwok's inability to smash decisively. From this point Hui and Lee advanced to 13-all and the "players" "setted" at five. The C.R.C. pair won



PLAYING AGAINST THE CHAMPIONS.—Miss E. Hamon (left) of the R.U.R. and Miss E. Churn (D.G.S.) two of the players who will help the Rest against the Brawn Cup champions on Saturday.

the first two points, but were pulled back to two-all. Then they led 3-2, but were again checked and the Varsity players won the next three points for the match.

Liang played ideal badminton, scoring neatly and constantly with his cleverly concealed angled shots from the base of the court and by means of a well placed overhead smash. Kwok played good defensive badminton but was unable to finish off the rallies when presented with opportunities.

Hui played with great skill in the first game, but fell away afterwards. Lee smashed daintily and with great speed, and was always entertaining to watch.

Once again King's College court was kindly loaned to the Badminton Association for these matches. The full results of the matches were:

P. K. Hui and T. C. Lee beat F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang, 15-4, 13-13 and 5-3.

H. A. Alves and E. de Sousa beat K. S. Liew and K. L. Yung, 15-4, 15-3.

M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios beat T. J. Ong and F. Koh, 8-15, 15-7, 10-11.

SCHOOL CRICKET

A drawn match was played between Queen's College and the Ellis Kadourie Indian School when they met at cricket on the Indian R.C. ground yesterday.

Queen's College declared at 150 for seven wickets, Ismail Ali scoring 49 and U. A. Rehman 55 not out.

K. M. Rummah was the most successful bowler for the Indian School with five for 56. The Indian School replied with 125 for seven. K. M. Rummah also came off with the bat, hitting up 45. Telok Singh helped with 30 and A. A. Tipe with 28.

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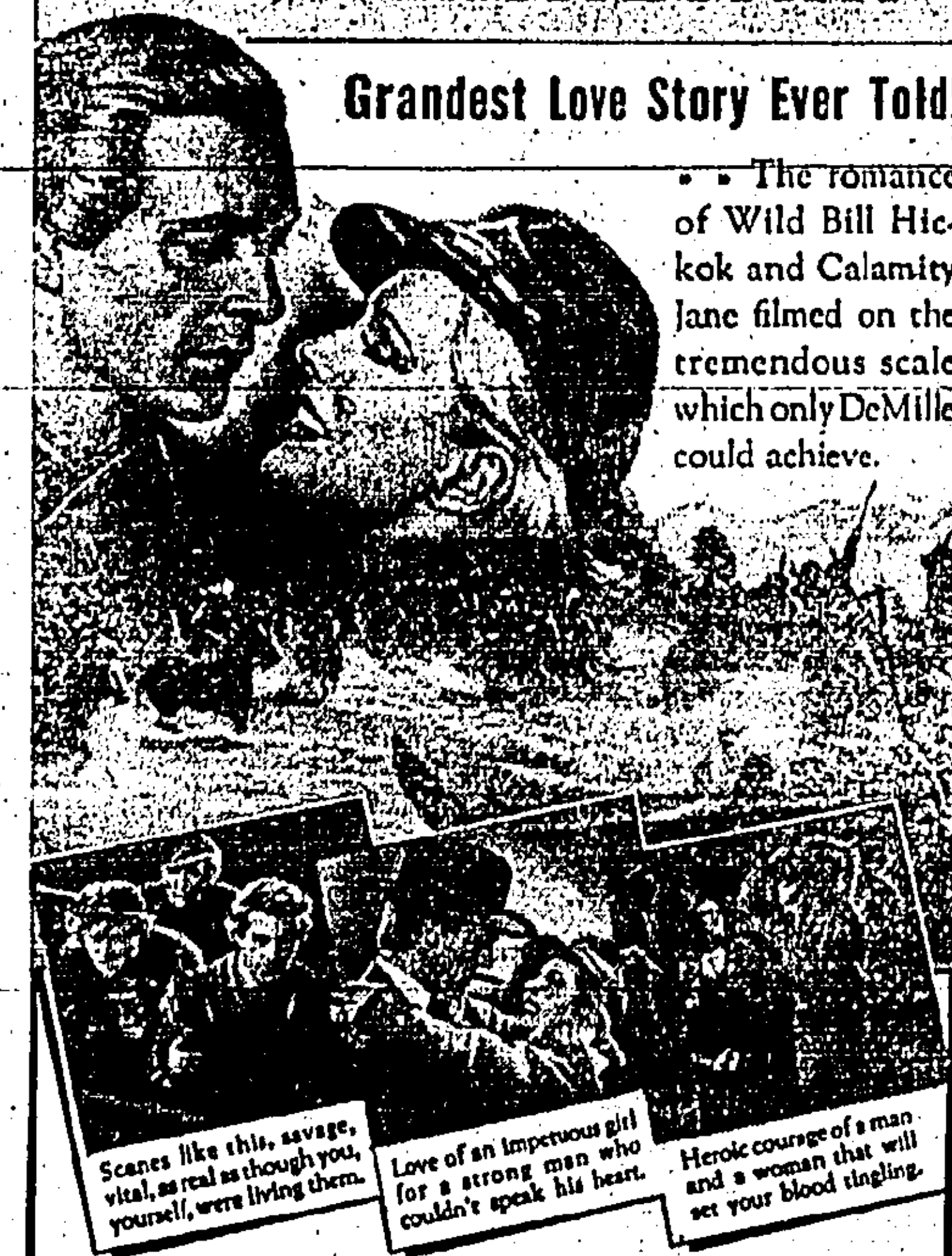


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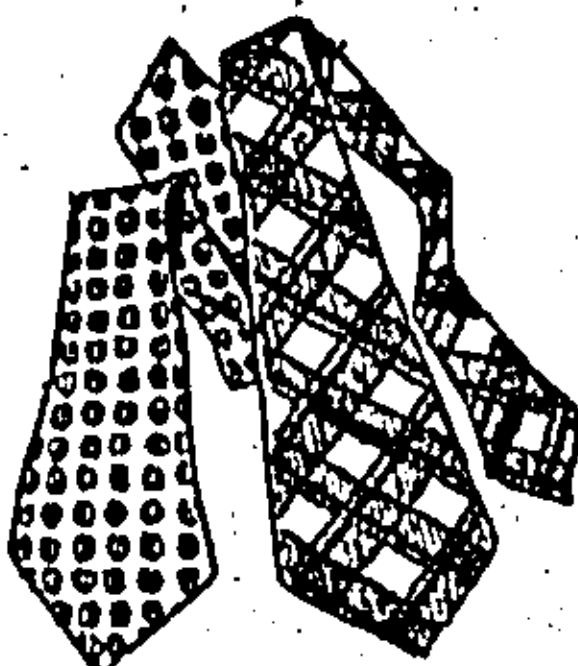
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The portraits of both King George VI and Queen Elizabeth are to appear on special Coronation stamps for Hongkong, and the rest of the British colonies.

The Coronation issue, which will consist of three denominations in one common design, will be on sale in Hongkong from May 12, the day of the Coronation, until the end of the year.

The new permanent issue for Hongkong will not now be ready until early in 1938. It was previously proposed to issue a few denominations of stamps in a standard King's head design at about the date of the Coronation, which would have formed part of the new permanent issue.

The new Coronation stamps will be of the same shape and size as the 1935 King George V Jubilee issue, and will be printed in single colours by the recess process.

The design of the stamps includes portraits of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in a setting of coronation emblems, including the Crown, Orb, Sword of State and Sceptres.

The date of the Coronation is inscribed at the top of the design and the words "Hongkong" appear at the base of the stamps, with duty labels in the lower corners.

The issue of the special Coronation stamps and the new ones of standard design will mean that stamps of five different types will have been on sale in Hongkong within about two years. In addition, there is every possibility that Hongkong will have a special issue of stamps for its Centenary less than four years hence.

In addition to Hongkong, the special Coronation issue will apply to the following territories:

Aden, Antigua, Ascension, the Bahamas, Barbados, Basutoland, Bechuanaland Protectorate, Bermuda, British Guiana, British Honduras, the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, the Cayman Islands, Ceylon, Cyprus, Dominica, the Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gambia, Gibraltar, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, the Gold Coast, Grenada, Jamaica, Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika Territory, the Leeward Islands, Malta, Mauritius, Montserrat, Nigeria, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, St. Christopher and Nevis, St. Helena, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somaliland Protectorate, Straits Settlements, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, the Turks and Caicos Islands, and the Virgin Islands. Similar arrangements are also being made for Newfoundland.

BRITAIN AND U.S. DRAW CLOSER

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a visit to the British Naval Station at Singapore and British newspapers in the Straits Settlements reported with enthusiasm that Admiral Yarnall had declared that visits back and forth between the British and American fleets would be much more frequent in the future than they have been in the past.

WARM HOSPITALITY

"A further incident which added to this speculation took place when a British flying squadron, under the command of Air Commodore Sidney Smith, and which was described as an unofficial call in the Philippines. They were received, however, with great enthusiasm by both the British and the American community in Manila, and were warm in their praise of the hospitality which was accorded them.... The British Air Ministry transmitted to Washington its official thanks for the courtesies which had been extended to Air Commodore Smith and his associates. So far as is known in Manila this is the first time that London has officially come into contact with Washington on the strength of an exchange of courtesies in the Philippines.

"It has long been recognized that the defence of the South China Sea from a naval standpoint is based upon a triangle. The three points are Hongkong in the north, Manila to the east, and Singapore to the south. "This is regarded by the British as an essential part of the entire naval defence of Australia. The strategic position of Manila in this plan is recognized.

"It was recently stated privately and unofficially by high ranking British naval officers that the presence of the American Asiatic Fleet in Manila added over 50 per cent to the effectiveness of the British naval defences of Hongkong.

"British newspapers both on the China coast and in the Straits Settlements have been critical of the American withdrawal from the Philippines. At the present time, however, there appears to be a growing tendency to forget this criticism and to emphasize the community of interest between the two countries.

"The exchange of courtesies between the two countries is therefore interpreted in some circles as the outward manifestation of a growing recognition of the need for close co-operation between the two governments in the Far East."

AMBULANCE WORKERS PRAISED

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ambulance service. Since this step was taken the service has saved £10,000 a year in compensation and sick leave.

FINANCIAL SIDE

"The public as a general rule is inclined to disregard or fail to see the financial side of the service. A moment's thought, however, will show that if accidents are treated rapidly and expertly the patient enters the hands of a doctor or hospital with less loss of blood and less shock than otherwise would be the case, with a resultant saving."

Colonel Sleeman last visited Hongkong in 1929 and said to-day that he is glad to be able to return not only because of the Colony's charm but also because the members of the Brigade here have done so well during the several and severe tests of ambulance efficiency which have fallen their lot during recent years. The Order of St. John possesses the very deepest admiration for the noble part which 82 of its members played during the Sino-Japanese fighting at Shanghai in 1932 when, efficient and instantly ready for sudden emergency, they responded to an appeal for humanitarian service, and staffed a temporary Hospital of 500 beds, for over two months. As a consequence these very splendid ambulance men and women saved the lives of hundreds of wounded Chinese and treated the injuries of many thousands. It should be made clear that this is in the nature of a special emergency call; normally our Brigade exists purely and simply to supply the ambulance needs of those within the British Empire.

"In other words such special service as our Brigade at Hongkong gave upon this occasion was only dictated by common humanity and because no other ambulance body was then in readiness to respond to the call.

GASOMETER EXPLOSION

"Then we have the case of the tragic explosion of a gasometer in 1934 when all members of the Hongkong St. John Ambulance Brigade, and well-equipped and public spirited were among the first to arrive to render help. These are but two of many examples of the need for such efficient ambulance organizations," he said.

"Space forbids my mentioning the many who have contributed to this magnificent result; but the Hongkong Corps owes its existence chiefly to the capable and zealous example and leadership of its Director of Ambulance, Alfred Morris.

"It must be a great satisfaction to all to know that through their understanding help and encouragement many human lives have already been saved, and that to-day a Corps of over 500 trained ambulance men and women stands ever ready to help to save human life and to lessen pain and suffering," he added.

NOTABLE CAREER

Colonel Sleeman, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., M.V.O., M.A., is at present on an inspection tour of the establishments of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in the British Realm in South Africa, Rhodesia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Burma, Ceylon and Singapore. Representing the Grand Prior of his Order, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, K.G., Colonel Sleeman served in both the South African and Great Wars and was responsible for the experiments which resulted in the introduction and adoption of the entrenching tool into the British army.

Later Colonel Sleeman was appointed Director of Military Training, Officer in Charge, Air Services Staff to H.E. Admiral Viscount Jellicoe when the latter was Governor-General of New Zealand. The Ambulance Chief is the grandson of General Sir William Sleeman

TEST GAS ALARM SIGNALS

STROMBOS SIRENS TO BE PURCHASED

For over an hour yesterday, Hongkong echoed and re-echoed with the screaming of an instrument designed to give the populace warning of gas attacks.

The instrument is a Strombos siren, an adaptation of the type used on the Western Front and in London during the Great War.

For some time past it has been experimented with on the roof of the Imports and Exports Department building. Now it has been removed to Police Headquarters, where it was tried out yesterday.

There is no mistaking the noise of the Strombos. Its screeches have been heard as far away as Lyceum and Shamshuipo.

Police observers have been detailed to visit distant parts of the Colony to detect the noise of the siren, and their reports are understood to have disclosed a rather amazing range.

However, the local authorities will not content themselves with one siren. If it is finally decided to adopt the Strombos siren, more than a dozen will be purchased by the Government. They will be erected on the Peak, in Kowloon, and at various other parts of the Colony—probably one to each police station.

Although the siren has been tested more than a dozen times since being installed in Hongkong, there are thousands of people who apparently have failed to hear it.

Fortunately no-one appears to have heard it in the vicinity of the busiest intersection—Pedder Street and Queen's Road.

TRIBUTES PAID TO VETERAN

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clips and outspoken in debate, but a generous opponent.

Mr. Lloyd George, as the only man who had known Sir Austen throughout his parliamentary career, said his sudden death was a blow to the heart. Millions were sorry because a man who gave them confidence in the working of democratic institutions had gone.

Mr. James Maxton paid the late Sir Austen a tribute on behalf of the Independent Labour Party.—*Reuter Special.*

THE FUNERAL

London, Mar. 17.
The funeral of the late Sir Austen Chamberlain will take place on Friday at St. Margaret's, Westminster, after which the deceased's remains will be cremated.—*Reuter Bulletin Service.*

ASKS REMOVAL OF TIN QUOTAS

London, Mar. 17.

The removal of tin restrictions was suggested by a questioner in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. W. G. Ormsby-Gore, Secretary of State for the Colonies, replied that he thought the recent increase in the quota had helped the situation. He added that the abolition of the quota altogether did not concern Britain alone; it would involve legislation in many countries.—*Reuter.*

and is Knight of Justice of the Order and possesses the Sacred Treasure of Japan, having been a liaison officer to units of the Imperial Japanese Navy during the war.

On his arrival here this morning on the Cathay Colonel Sleeman was met by Mr. A. Morris, the local director of ambulance.

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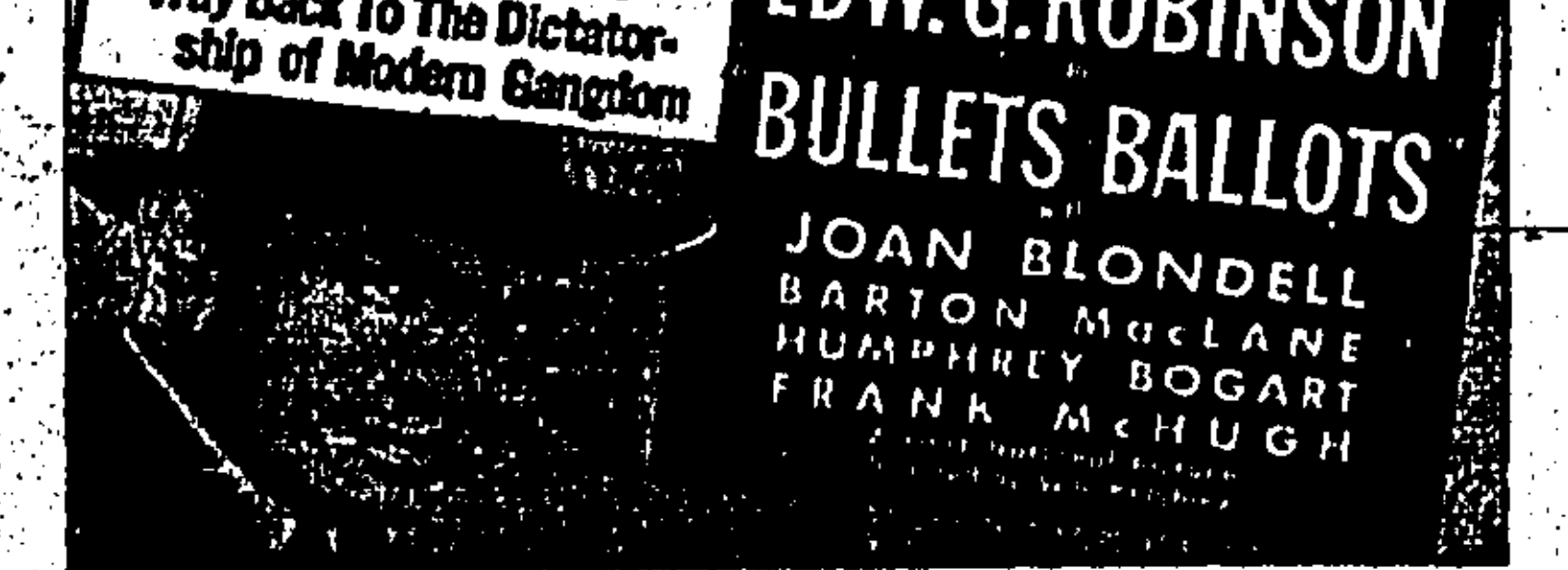
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London, Mar. 17.
A demarche by the Spanish Government at Valencia, with a view to obtaining British and French assistance in the civil war, has been published by the insurgent authorities at Salamanca.

It appears that the Spanish Foreign Minister, Senor Delvayo, presented a note to Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and M. Yves Delbos, French Foreign Minister, at Geneva on February 9. In this, the Spanish Government offered to cede certain rights in Spanish Morocco in return for help against the rebels.

Inquiries by *Reuter* in London to-day revealed that such a note had been received by His Majesty's Government, but that no reply had yet been given.

However, it is pointed out, neither Britain nor France can entertain the proposal for a moment, as it would be contrary to their treaty obligations. A reply in this sense is likely to be despatched soon.—*Reuter*.

BRITISH DIPLOMAT DUE HERE

AMBASSADOR'S
VISIT TO COLONY
ARRIVING
NEXT WEEK

His Majesty's Ambassador to China, His Excellency Sir Hugh M. Knatchbull-Hugessen, K.C.M.G., will arrive in Hongkong on Wednesday afternoon, March 24, accompanied by Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen, Mr. W. G. Graham (Private Secretary), Wing-Commander and Mrs. Kerby (Air Attache), and Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn (Chinese Counsellor).

The Ambassadorial party will arrive by special airship at 1.10 p.m. and due at the Kowloon terminus at 4.30 p.m. They will be met at the Station by Capt. W.J.R. Cragg, A.D.C. to His Excellency the (Continued on Page 7.)

GUNS ALONE CANNOT GUARD PRESTIGE

Claims H.K.'s Importance
Not Recognised

"Hongkong should be regarded as something more than a war-time base and considerably more than a mere Crown Colony. It should undoubtedly be the focal point of British Far Eastern interests, commercial, cultural and political."

Thus declares a correspondent of *Truth*, the London weekly, in a recent comment on the reply of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, to the protest of the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council and the Chamber of Commerce against the transfer of Sir Andrew Caldecott to Ceylon.

"When Hongkong's true importance is appreciated," goes on this correspondent, "it goes to the Government's credit that its playthings of the Colonial Office, and will be placed on a footing requiring the services of an eminent administrator, with direct access to the Cabinet, thus avoiding the present unfortunate overlapping between the Foreign Office, the Colonial Office, and the Ministries of the Fighting Services."

Hongkong, states *Truth's* correspondent, is by no means impressed with Mr. Ormsby-Gore's explanation that His Excellency the Governor's appointment to Ceylon "was decided upon for reasons of high public policy."

"It seems to us," he goes on, "that while Ceylon may have its importance, it is not the only place where a Governor is needed."

It is learned that Sir Robert Craigie, of the Foreign Office, who has just been named Ambassador to Tokyo, is at present en route to New York, hoped to obtain the signatures to the Anglo-German Treaty before his departure, but the Soviet suggestion delayed completion of his task.—*United Press*.

The Soviet proposal for a Nine-Power Naval Conference has delayed the new Anglo-German bilateral treaty providing for an annual exchange of information on building programmes.

Blueland Landing Party Mowed Down By Machine-Guns

Evade Patrols But Stumble Upon Strong Land Force

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT TELLS OF NIGHT'S ADVENTURE

By the "Telegraph's" Special Correspondent
With the Blueland Forces
By RADIO

Aboard H.M.S. Berwick, 12.30 p.m.

We returned to H.M.S. Berwick at 5 o'clock this morning after a successful raid on Redland territory, during which our forces succeeded in cutting an important cable line five miles inland.

The destroyers Dainty, Danae, Decoy and Defender left the Blueland base after dusk yesterday and, with all lights covered and absolute quietness reigning on deck, crept in to Starling Inlet.

As we passed several startled junks and sampans, the only evidence that we were abroad was the brilliant phosphorescent wake as the propellers of our four ships churned us in towards the shore.

The four Blueland ships anchored about three miles off-shore and everything still in pitch darkness—the work of transferring a landing party of Royal Marines and seamen commenced. The parties went overboard from the destroyers into several whalers and cutters, and set off silently for the northern shore of the inlet, a sharp look-out being kept meanwhile for Redland patrol boats.

Shallow water made it necessary for us to wade ashore for about 150 yards, and paddy-fields which we encountered after we had landed added to our discomfort.

We finally scrambled up to the Shataukok road, where we found a similar raiding party from our flagship—H.M.S. Berwick—awaiting us.

LUCKY TO GET ASHORE
We were lucky to get ashore undetected. The Redland defenders, apparently suspicious—fired several Verey lights but there was no gun-fire.

My bedraggled and wet civilian clothes clinging uncomfortably by my legs, I rushed up the road with the party of Marines. A mile along the road we were greeted with a perfect hail of Verey lights, and we were forced to lie flat in the mud and slime in order to escape detection.

Fortunately I managed to pick a shallow puddle. But all around me (Continued on Page 5.)

ATTACKS BRITISH POLICY

ASSERTS IRELAND DISMEMBERED DE VALERA ON WAR-PATH

Dublin, Mar. 17.
Mr. Eamon de Valera, Chief Executive of the Irish Free State, in a radio broadcast on St. Patrick's Day, said Britain had no right to wrest part of Ireland from the remainder "to suit her own interests."

Mr. de Valera said he had recently been urged to "restrain the Irish from further political endeavours and to make them content with their present status as a Free State and with their relations with Britain and the British Commonwealth. The Commonwealth nations seem to have greater difficulty in understanding Ireland's aims than the people of other countries."

"This ancient nation," said Mr. de Valera, "is altogether distinct and separate from Britain. We want neither to exploit, dominate nor interfere with other people. We simply claim the right to choose our own governmental institutions to suit ourselves, free from outside dictation and interference."

The first step towards really cordial relations between Britain and Ireland, he said, must be a frank recognition of the liberty of the whole Irish nation. The new Constitution will secure the liberty of twenty-six counties, but only when the other six joined in under the same terms would good relations with Britain be possible. (Mr. de Valera's reference was to the Free State and Ulster).—*United Press*.

There was a breathless moment, this service adds, when it seemed Miss Earhart's plane was about to dive into the line of automobiles in Malland Drive. It dipped, but rose sharply and easily cleared the traffic.

OVERTAKES CLIPPER
Oakland, March 17.
Miss Earhart sent a radio message that she had overtaken the Hawaiian Clipper.—*Reuter*.

BOMBS SHAKE JERUSALEM

Continued Violence Worries Britain

NO WISH TO DECLARE MARTIAL LAW

Jerusalem, Mar. 17.
A constable and several Jewish passers-by were injured by the explosion of a bomb in a crowded main street of Jerusalem at 7 p.m. to-day. An Arab has been arrested in connection with the outrage.

Sixteen persons, including four children, were injured, and two are in a serious condition, it was disclosed later.

Two further bombs were thrown later to-night into an Arab cafe in a main street. Seven Arabs were injured and taken to hospital.

Late at night, a third bombing took place. A missile was tossed into an Arab cafe on the outskirts of the city and four were injured.—*Reuter*.

TEN YEARS FOR HEROIN TRAFFICKER

SESSIONS SENTENCE ON JAPANESE "DELIBERATE ATTEMPT"

The heaviest sentence so far passed on a drug trafficker in the Colony was imposed by the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning on Kephale Itabashi, 40-year-old Japanese teacher, who was sentenced to ten years' hard labour on being found guilty on charges of unlawful possession and importation of 724 ounces of heroin, sufficient to make at least 18,000,000 pills.

Accused was arrested on January 4 as he was about to disembark from the s.s. Hupoh, which had arrived from Tientsin. The drug was found in his luggage. His defence, which was conducted by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. Hin-shing Lo, on the instructions of Mr. J. M. Hall, was that he had no knowledge of the drug, which he was asked to carry by Wang Sheung-sang, who was sentenced at the last Sessions to seven years' hard labour for a similar offence.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution.

This morning, the defence called two witnesses from Tientsin to say that accused was asked by Wong to carry the luggage down to Hongkong from that port.

Addressing the jury, Mr. Sheldon said that the facts regarding the arrest of his client were not disputed, the sole and simple issue being whether or not he had any knowledge of the drug. The prisoner had said in evidence that the luggage was given to him by Wong who, curiously enough, was not called although he was the man who really held the truth. As far as the defence was concerned, Wong was not called for obvious reasons, but the Crown could have done so if they wanted to rebut the story given by accused.

MONEY OFFER DENIED
Referring to the incident at the Wharf Office where accused was alleged to have stopped Revenue Officer Ward from telephoning to his superior officer and offered him \$3,000, his client was entirely misunderstood. He spoke in Mandarin and not in English as alleged, and all he said was to the effect that he had a friend "on the second floor." In any event, if the jury were not convinced of the truth of this, he submitted it was equally consistent with guilt with four, for it was a well-known fact that innocent persons always did foolish things when confronted with a crime.

Counsel concluded by asking the jury that if in future they might have an uneasy feeling, they should acquit his client.

Replying for the Crown, Mr. (Continued on Page 5.)

FLOODS BURST DYKES

LARGE ENGLISH AREA AFFECTED

London, Mar. 18.
Desperate efforts to check the flood at Soham lode, Cambridgeshire, have failed.

The subsiding banks had been thoroughly reinforced when the water burst through the bottom and millions of gallons poured forth with such force that a 50-ton barge, used as a bulwark, was carried downstream.

The leader of the flood-fighters despairingly said that thousands of acres would now be flooded.—*Reuter*.

CONTINUED ANXIETY
Anxiety in regard to the flood situation in the low-lying fen country of England is still acute and the banks of the swollen River Ouse and its tributaries are being constantly watched.

The Minister of Agriculture, in the House of Commons this afternoon, said the floods had endangered his close (Continued on Page 5.)

REPORT BY ZOE FARMAR
& ROBB FROM PARIS SHOWS
ON NEW SPRING FASHIONS

The English cut has it

GETTING down to what we are to wear this spring-summer the Paris designers have gone all Union Jack. Why? Designers this or that side of the Channel care most deeply about what the American customers will buy (America sets the market, Europe sets the fashion) and American women who won't see our Coronation want to wear it.

They have already worn out their enthusiasm for the obvious royal insignia, like crown and sceptre buttons, herald coats and what-all. Now their highly paid buying representatives are looking simply for clothes that look English in cut and style and have at the same time just a suggestion of royal goings-on. So the tailor-made suit walks right ahead in popularity and ingenuity in the half-yearly fashion parades.

Trimings show the royal Influence

But it is not the plain classic cut affair that your husbands like you to wear. A swank designer can't afford to leave a plain suit plain. It had to be jazzed up a bit with royal flavouring.

So here, under headings (to make it easy for you to hand right over to your tailor), I've listed some of the ways of having a tailor-made that doesn't look like the one you had last year.

LAPELS are ornamental. Edged with braid, some flatly faced, others with a contrasting colour stitched on in an in-and-out scroll design outlined with bright coloured piping, or coarsely stitched. In contrast to the suit and matching the blouse. Embroidered in silk. Standing up stiffly, not pressed back. Rolled back, but not pressed. Anything, it seems, but the sort of lapel that you're used to.

BUTTONS are smaller, mostly tailor type, and fewer. No more of those suits that make you look centipede-chested or dangle queer little stant buttons.

Instead of fancy buttons, more ingenuity in the button-holes. Embroidered cord, or metal, loops. Ordinary button-holes faced with contrasting fabric matching gloves, jumper or bag.

Double-deckers

POCKETS plenty. Often oddly shaped to match lapels; some double-decked (so that what looks like two pockets, one above other, is only one inside). Again much embroidery: piped edges, narrow vari-coloured braidings, corded.

JACKETS: As well as short classic length, some bolero style, dipping to a V at the back, and some hark back to the 2in.-below-finger-tip redingote (which means, in case like me you used to wonder, really "riding coat style"—close-tailored on the chest, roomy below).

Styling for short jackets often Tyrolean with tiny inlets at back of gay chintz fabrics—but only a flash of them, from the lining.

SKIRTS: Close-fitting and plain. Pleats small, flat and hidden as much as possible. Much straight panelling.

Stuffs for Spring

FABRICS: For later spring, heavy tussorees and corded silks. Imitation suede (like those cheap gloves, looking like matt stockingette) for jackets, sometimes skirts as well. Linens coarser-woven than ever, looking like canvas. Tweed-silk mixtures.

COMMENT: Good practical clothes so far and just the sort that suit us (excepting the few that tend to over-ornamentation).

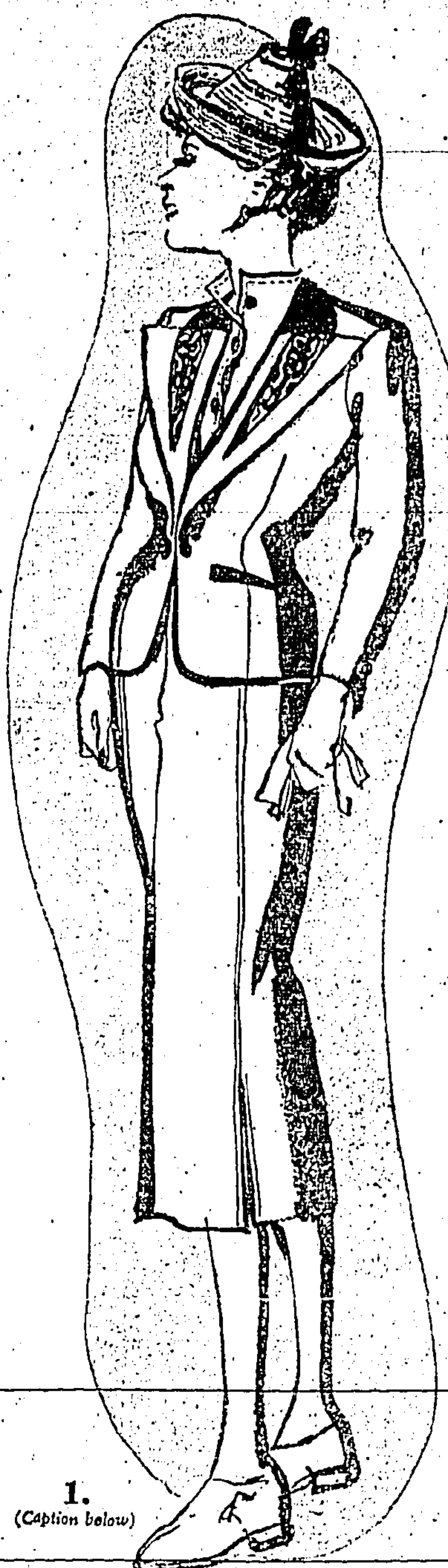
LENGTH: 14ins. from ground.

OUTLINE: Classical and un-exaggerated (no phoney shoulders or sleeves). Natural to high waist-line.

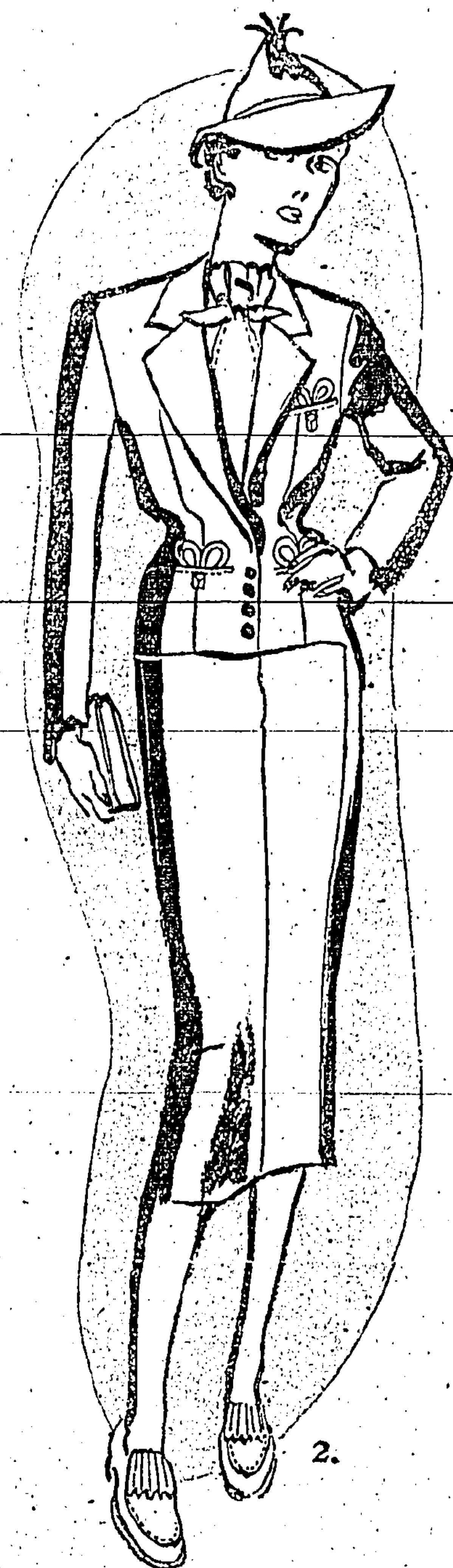
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1 (figure above). Suit of biscuit-coloured tussore with dark brown relief. Jacket: biscuit-coloured. Dark tussore lapels embroidered in silk. Pocket panels narrow at sides. Skirt: three panels with hidden pleat one side. Hat: coarse natural-coloured straw. Small Mexican shape. Dark ribbon. Jumper: suede, light, with dark buttons. Outlined dark coarse stitching.

2 Suit of dull green tweed. Jacket: decorated pockets, self stuff is stitched on to form bow loops. Skirt: close fitting; three lines of stitching panelling front. Jumper: deep green crepe de Chine. Note neck treatment; stock tucks under front bow. Hat: felt, brim wider in front. Shoes: very flat heels shown with most suits. Almost clog-shaped, brogued.



1.
(Caption below)



2.

BITS TO CUT OUT

Simple Cures

To prevent fatigue: Chew a little kola nut powder. It is a grand tonic and nerve stimulant, and will help to increase your power of endurance.

For toothache: Apply oil of cinnamon or oil of cloves frequently on cotton wool to the aching tooth.

For hair-fall (if hair dry): Rub into the scalp a mixture of expressed oil of nutmeg 1 part to olive oil 3 parts.

For superficial cuts: Apply trier's balsam.

For rheumatism: The infusion of cassia bark is often helpful.

Orange Cake

1/2 lb. flour, 1/2 lb. butter, 1/2 lb. sugar, 4 eggs.

Two oranges, a pinch of baking powder, glace icing, butter icing. Beat the butter and sugar to a cream, and mix in the eggs one at a time. Add the grated rind of two oranges, the sieved flour and baking powder. Fold in lightly, place in a deep sandwich tin lined with greased paper, and bake in a moderate oven for about thirty minutes.

When cool, cut into layers, and sandwich with butter icing to which has been added the juice of one orange. Coat with glace icing coloured orange and flavoured with the juice of the other orange.

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1400 A. D. RECIPES

THEY'RE WORTH TRYING

If we read cookery books (an amusing and virtuous occupation) of all ages we find that the old ones are more interesting than useful; but they throw a light on the modes and manners of a period, and help us to visualise life in those old days.

As for the recipes themselves, their main interest, as a rule, is not of a culinary nature as far as we are concerned, and we must consider them as curious museum pieces, by which I mean those which are several centuries old.

The proportions were enormous, the indications extravagant and the mixture of flavours alarming. They were also incredibly gross.

Yet we can distinguish the elements, the ideas which later will combine to make the dishes as we appreciate them at present.

The "Gothic Cooking," for instance, belonging to the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, contains several dishes and sauces of the same kind as we find now in Nordic countries, with a sweet element added to the flavour of meat.

The most famous ones were the Sauce de trahison, which was made with chopped onion melted with chopped bacon mixed with bread crumbs and finished with red wine, vinegar, cinnamon, sugar and mustard. Apart from the unusual sugar and cinnamon, this might be the ancestor of our spicy "Sauce Diable."

But a sauce called Eau Beute seems to us terribly Gothic—boil together rose water, verjuice, ginger and marjoram, and strain.

Yet the 16th century was to see the freakish fashion of perfuming every sauce and dish with iris, rose and ambergris, even of feeding bowls with pills of musk so that their flesh should be impregnated with the scent.

However, there are a few, very few, recipes dating from these days which we can use to-day with pleasure. The following are interesting and also good specimens.

Callimaufry

TAKE a leg of lamb and remove the skin, the fat and the bone. Cut the flesh in pieces the size of a large walnut and insert into each with a larding needle one or two thin pieces of streaky bacon rolled in chopped parsley.

Put a small quantity of olive oil in a saucepan; when hot put in the pieces of meat, salt, pepper and a bouquet of thyme and parsley.

Fry them lightly, tossing them well, then put in a glass of brandy which you set alight, shake till the flames die out. Add slices of mushroom, a little coulis, "anything you like" says the author.

Cook very slowly till tender and squeeze a little lemon juice.

Dispose around the meat in the dish chestnuts which have previously been cooked, and pour the sauce all over.

The coulis in question is not described. It must have been something to make a short sauce and give a spicy taste; cream, the burnt brandy, the liquid out of the meat and the mushrooms being the other elements in the finished sauce.

Therefore there should be just enough oil to seize the meat at the beginning, otherwise the sauce would not be nice.

Lemon Omelette

THIS is a sweet omelette. As the old book spells it, "aumelette," made with the usual proportions of eggs, two for each person. When beaten, add, also for each person, a tablespoonful of breadcrumbs and a little lemon-peel, finely chopped.

Sprinkle the finished omelette with sugar, and glaze quickly with a red iron or a salamander.

Broiled Trout

TAKE out the entrails, cut the fish across the side (by which is obviously meant a few superficial incisions here and there), and wash them. Fill the cuts with thyme, marjoram and parsley, chopped fine.

Set the gridiron on the fire, rub the bars with suet, and lay the trout on, basting them with fresh butter until they are well "broiled."

Serve with a sauce of butter and vinegar and the yolk of an egg beaten well together.

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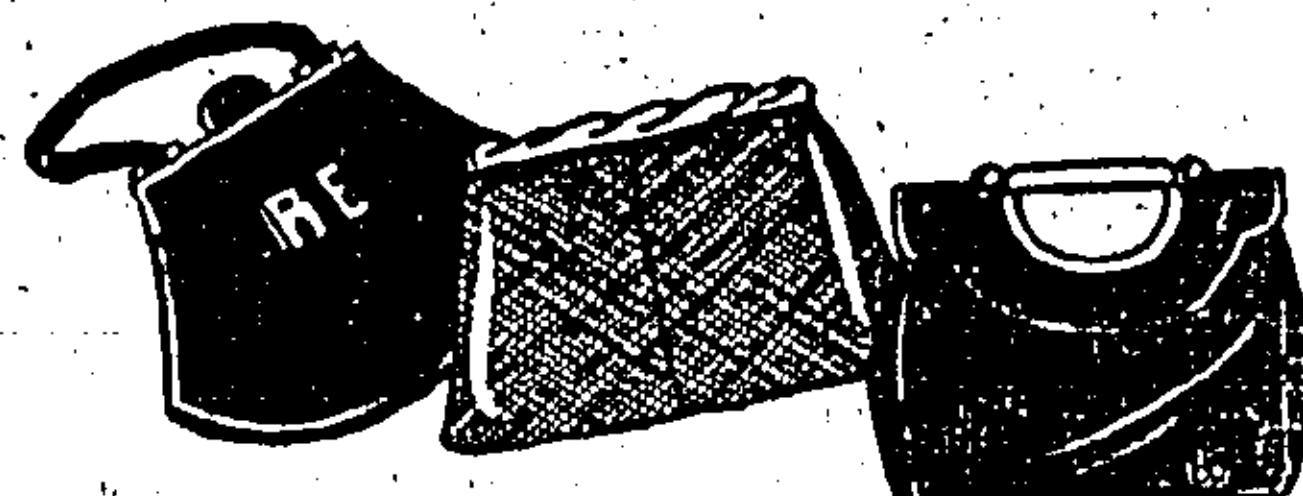
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HOW BRITAIN PROPOSES TO UTILISE DEFENCE FUNDS

Navy, Army And Air Force Expansion

IN accordance with a request made in the House of Commons when the Defence Bill was introduced the Government has now issued a White Paper setting forth in brief detail the programme of Defence that it proposes to undertake.

The paper, which is published in full below, states that although authority is sought to raise a maximum of £400 millions for services from April this year to April 1942 it does not imply that the whole of this sum will in fact be raised, nor does it represent the total cost of expenditure on Defence.

The opportunity is taken to indicate the width of the field necessarily covered by the Defence programme in consequence of the extent of the deficiencies to be made good, the underlying strategic requirements and the changing conditions of modern warfare.

The paper states that the modernisation of the defences of strategic points in various parts of the Empire is in itself a formidable item in the cost of the Defence programme.

STRATEGIC POINTS IN EMPIRE FORMIDABLE ITEM IN COST

THE White Paper reads:—

In the statement made in the House of Commons on February 11, the Chancellor of the Exchequer explained that, while defence expenditure during the ensuing years could not equitably be met entirely from revenue, and must in part rest on appropriations from capital, neither the total amount which must be raised from capital, nor the total period over which such capital expenditure must be spread, could at present be predicted.

2. Constitutional usage requires that the Bill now proposed to be introduced should specify upward limits which cannot be exceeded except by further statutory authority.

The authority which His Majesty's Government seek for the issue of sums not exceeding in the aggregate £400 millions to be applied as appropriations in aid of the moneys provided by Parliament for the Defence Services over the five years from April 1, 1937, to March 31, 1942, does not imply that the whole of this sum will in fact be raised.

The figure of £400 millions represents the maximum aggregate sum to be provided from borrowed moneys or from the Old Sinking Fund towards the total cost of Defence which Parliament will be asked to authorise.

MODIFICATIONS

The whole Defence programme will, however, remain flexible and will be subject to such modification as circumstances may demand. If conditions should permit, the programme will be curtailed or its execution will be spread over a longer period.

If events, which cannot now be foreseen, should show that amendment is called for, either in the maximum amount or in the period of years specified in the proposed Resolution, the necessary measures will be submitted to Parliament.

3. In the meantime, as explained in the Memorandum dated February 11, on the proposed Resolution (Cmd. 5368), Parliament will retain full control over Defence expenditure.

The whole of such proposed expenditure will continue to be shown in the Estimates laid before the House of Commons, and will be subject to the normal methods of Parliamentary scrutiny and authorisation.

It will also be provided that the sums which may be appropriated in aid of Defence expenditure under the Bill must not in the course of any financial year exceed the sums shown in the Estimates laid in connection with the Votes approved by the House of Commons by Resolution in Supply.

II GROWTH IN COMPLEXITY AND COST OF NEW ARMAMENTS GENERALLY

4. In the White Paper presented to Parliament in March, 1936, (Cmd. 5107), an outline was given of the objectives aimed at, with an indication of the principal measures necessary for the reconditioning of our forces as part of the co-ordinated plan which had been drawn up.

MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

As that paper shows, great importance has from the outset been attached

to dealing with the problems of Defence by elastic means susceptible of adaptation in the light of changes in world conditions and of the new needs which arise from the intensive application of scientific research and invention to the problems of Defence.

5. The essential features of the White Paper of March 1936 remain unchanged, although certain measures of acceleration have been approved by Parliament. On the present occasion, therefore, it is unnecessary to repeat in detail the programme of measures which was set out in the White Paper of March 1936.

Rather the opportunity is taken to indicate the width of the field necessarily covered by the Defence programme in consequence of the extent of the deficiencies to be made good, the underlying strategic requirements and the changing conditions of modern warfare.

6. Recent years have witnessed an immense elaboration of the mechanical equipment of Fighting Services in many countries. Modern forces, whether on land, at sea, or in the air, must, if they are to be effective, be provided with arms and defences more ingenious and formidable and far more costly than any conceived a generation ago.

MAINTENANCE

Moreover, it is not sufficient to equip a force in the first instance; it must be assured also of the swift and steady replacement of its equipment and supplies as war proceeds.

This is a circumstance which has a most important bearing on the cost of the Defence programme.

7. The growth in the destructive powers of Air Forces and their increasing range compel the adoption of a whole system of new measures, necessarily involving heavy cost for air defence at home and overseas for the protection of the civil population.

8. While the necessity for modern equipment for protection against air attack is common to many nations, the wide dispersal of the territories comprised within the British Empire and the dependence of these islands upon supplies from overseas lay a special responsibility upon British Forces and, above all, upon the Navy to preserve the freedom of communication overseas, which is vital to our existence.

The modernisation of the defences of strategic points in various parts of the Empire is, in itself, a formidable item in the cost of the Defence programme.

III THE NAVY

Construction Of New Ships

9. There is no need to amplify the statement of the Navy's functions contained in the White Paper presented to Parliament in 1935 and 1936 (Cmd. 4827 and 5107). Heavy expenditure must be incurred over the next few years if the Navy is to be brought up to the strength necessary to ensure that it will be in a position to perform these functions.

10. New construction constitutes one of the main heads of this expenditure. In normal times it is of great advantage to arrange new construction pro-

grammes so as to ensure that the number of new vessels of each type to be laid down shall be approximately the same in each year.

If this plan can be followed the costs of construction are spread evenly, and the Navy never finds itself at any time in a position of acute shortage of ships. The fleet consists of old or obsolescent ships.

11. In present circumstances, however, an even spread of new building is impossible, and for some years the country will be constrained to undertake a series of heavy building programmes.

The main reasons for this course are, first, that a considerable number of our existing ships are war-built and are, or will shortly become, obsolete, and second, that no vessels of certain types were built for a number of the years immediately after the war.

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

12. Of our fifteen capital ships, only three are of post-war construction. Until the expiry of the London Naval Treaty on December 31, 1936, it was not possible to lay down any new vessels of 10,000 tons or over.

Two such ships (costing approximately £8,000,000 each) were included in the 1936 new construction programme, and two further ships have been taken which will permit the ordering of three further capital ships only in the financial year 1937-8 as part of the new construction programme for that year, as soon as that programme has received Parliamentary authority.

13. In regard to cruisers, it was stated in the White Paper of March 1936 that our aim was to increase the total from about 60 to 70, of which 60 would be under-age and 10 over-age, and that five vessels would be included in the 1936 programme.

Later, a measure of acceleration was deemed necessary, and the number of cruisers in the 1936 programme was raised to seven. It is anticipated that seven will be included in the 1937 programme.

14. Some acceleration was also decided upon in the construction of aircraft carriers. Two of these vessels, instead of one as originally contemplated, were included in the 1936 programme, and two further vessels of this type will probably be included in the 1937 programme.

AVERAGE COST

15. The result of this increased building programme upon Navy Estimates may be indicated by a consideration of the average cost of the new vessels. The figures for the years 1935-6 and 1936-7 show that the average cost of all vessels laid down in any particular year.

The average cost for the years 1931-4 was less than £12 million. The cost of the 1936 programme, including the measures of acceleration referred to in the preceding paragraph, will be nearly £20 million. It is contemplated that the cost of the 1937 programme will be substantially higher.

16. In addition to new construction, heavy expenditure must also be incurred in modernising existing vessels. This applies, not only to capital ships, but also to cruisers. The provision of modern anti-aircraft defence is required.

At the same time the acquisition in sufficient quantity and proper quality of the most modern types of aircraft, various equipment, fuel, stores and other necessities, and the training of the personnel of the Navy, as well as expenditure on the provision or adaptation of new quarters, and on improvements in dockyards and other establishments, more particularly in connection with storage for ammunition, oil fuel and other reserves.

17. The Fleet Air Arm is being substantially increased in numbers of aircraft, and considerable measures of re-equipment are also necessary to keep pace with the evolution of more powerful types.

IV THE ARMY

Modernisation Of Equipment

18. It was stated in the White Paper of March 1936 that the only increase in the number of fighting units in the British Army was the creation of four new battalions of Infantry. These units are required for maintaining our overseas garrisons. Two of them are to be raised in the near future.

Certain additional increases are necessary. These include two new Army Tank battalions, one of which will be raised in the near future, and certain ancillary troops necessary to enable a modern force to operate effectively in the field.

20. While recruiting has already shown some slight improvement, it has been decided to adopt certain measures designed to improve conditions in the Army and to make the Service more attractive. Details of this scheme will be announced shortly.

The adoption of these measures will bring about a considerable increase in normal maintenance costs, as a result of the increased numbers which it is expected will be borne on the strength, and of the additional expenditure arising from the measures designed to stimulate recruiting.

21. The main increase in expenditure on the Regular Army falls, however, under the heading of equipment. Viewed from the standpoint of the variety and extent of our Imperial responsibilities, or of comparison with continental forces, our Regular Army is small in numbers. It is, therefore, all the more important that its equipment and organisation should be brought up to the highest standard in all respects.

Accordingly, steps are now in active progress for the modernisation of the equipment and all branches of the Service, and the progress of mechanisation, involving the provision of a complete system of motor transport and of armoured vehicles of all types, is being accelerated.

The requirements of modern war demand the accumulation of immense reserves of ammunition to ensure the first months before productive capacity can be increased, and the necessary arrangements for this provision are being made.

22. For the time being, the urgent needs of the Regular Army have had to take priority over those of the Territorial Army. But in any survey covering a period of years, account must be taken of the requirements of the latter, more especially since the training of the Territorial Army is at present handicapped by the lack of modern equipment.

Plans are being drawn up to remedy this situation, and steps will be taken, as soon as the supply position permits, to enable the Territorial Army to train

with the same types of weapons as those with which the Regular Army is equipped.

23. During the next few years it will be necessary to make provision in Army Estimates for heavy capital expenditure on works services in order to bring barracks accommodation up to modern standards and to provide the additional storage, workshops and buildings required for modern mechanised forces.

V THE AIR FORCE

Largest Acquisition Of New Aerodromes

24. It was stated in the White Paper of March 1936 that the prime function of the Royal Air Force is to provide an effective deterrent to any attack upon the vital interests of this country whether at home or overseas. It may be added that in recent years the range and performance of modern aircraft have undergone rapid development and this country has become increasingly vulnerable to attack.

The strength of the Royal Air Force has become a matter of paramount importance, and no effort has been or is being spared to bring that Force up to the strength and standard of efficiency which His Majesty's Government deem requisite for our safety. This aim entails both substantial expenditure of a capital nature and a large increase in recurrent costs.

The programme for the Royal Air Force includes the acquisition and preparation of large numbers of new aerodromes, with the building of over 75 operational, training, and other stations at home and abroad. The increase in the number of aerodromes entails corresponding additions to the capacity of training and other ancillary establishments generally.

The personnel of the Force has already risen from 31,000 in 1934 to over 50,000 in 1936, while a further large increase is contemplated in the coming financial year.

NEW AERO ENGINES

25. As regards equipment, the main requirement of the Royal Air Force consists, of course, of the very large numbers of air-frames and aero-engines necessary to equip the new squadrons and to provide sufficient reserves to ensure that the first-line strength can be adequately maintained on active service.

Further, the development of new types, which is constantly proceeding, tends to result in the production of more efficient, but at the same time more costly machines.

26. Other items required by the programme of expansion include the provision of specialised equipment for aircraft, stores of bombs and other ammunition, adequate reserves of fuel, additional motor transport and the storage accommodation required for reserves of all kinds.

27. It must be appreciated that the scale of expenditure on the maintenance of the Royal Air Force which obtained before the present measures of expansion were put in hand will be very largely increased to provide for the future upkeep of the Force, even when the initial expenditure on the expansion programme has been met.

VI RESERVE FACTORY CAPACITY

Emergency Measures For Aircraft And Munitions

28. The measures briefly referred to in the preceding paragraphs would not, however, suffice to meet the needs of the Defence Services, unless adequate preparations were made in peace time to ensure a sufficient supply of munitions and stores in time of emergency.

For this reason, steps are being taken to build up what has come to be known as a "war potential".

Thus in the aircraft industry, over and above the expansion of the capacity of the existing aircraft firms, steps have been taken to build "shadow" aircraft factories.

These factories will be available in any emergency to provide aircraft in large quantities, and since they will be used in the first instance to supply aircraft required by the expansion scheme, the engineering firms who are co-operating in the scheme will thereby gain invaluable experience in the technique of aircraft manufacture.

29. The same principle is being adopted in regard to the supply of other types of munitions. Extensions of plant are being laid down by firms not normally engaged on the production of munitions, and the orders placed with these firms fulfil the double purpose of making good existing deficiencies, and of providing means for the rapid expansion of output in war time.

MUNITION FACTORIES

These extensions of capacity are being made under arrangements which require their retention over a period of years, after the existing orders have been completed, in a form capable of rapid turnover to munitions in the event of emergency.

30. In making plans for the industrial resources required by the Forces it is necessary to have regard to the risks of air attack. Steps have been required in various instances to ensure that sources of essential supplies are sufficiently dispersed, and in some cases a degree of duplication of essential services is necessary over and above the cost of some increase in expenditure.

31. A number of new Government factories for the manufacture of explosives, and for the filling of shells and bombs, are being built or planned. These factories represent in part the removal to safer localities of existing establishments, and in part the additions required to bring capacity up to the increased needs of the three Services.

32. Steps are also being taken to see that national establishments and industries, vital to the Defence Services, are not paralysed by the shortage of certain essential raw materials. The accumulation of essential reserves for these and other purposes is in hand, and will, of course, involve very substantial expenditure.

The provision of adequate supplies of fuel of the types required by each of the three Services and for civilian needs, as well as their protection and replenishment in the event of war, have received special consideration.

VII HOME DEFENCE

33. The needs of Home Defence now require a number of specific measures of a special nature.

Foremost among these is the provision of anti-aircraft defence. Two divisions of the Territorial Army have been re-formed and greatly expanded for this essential service, and further expansion is to take place during the forthcoming year.

This expansion involves the provision of new Territorial Army headquarters. (Continued on Page 10.)

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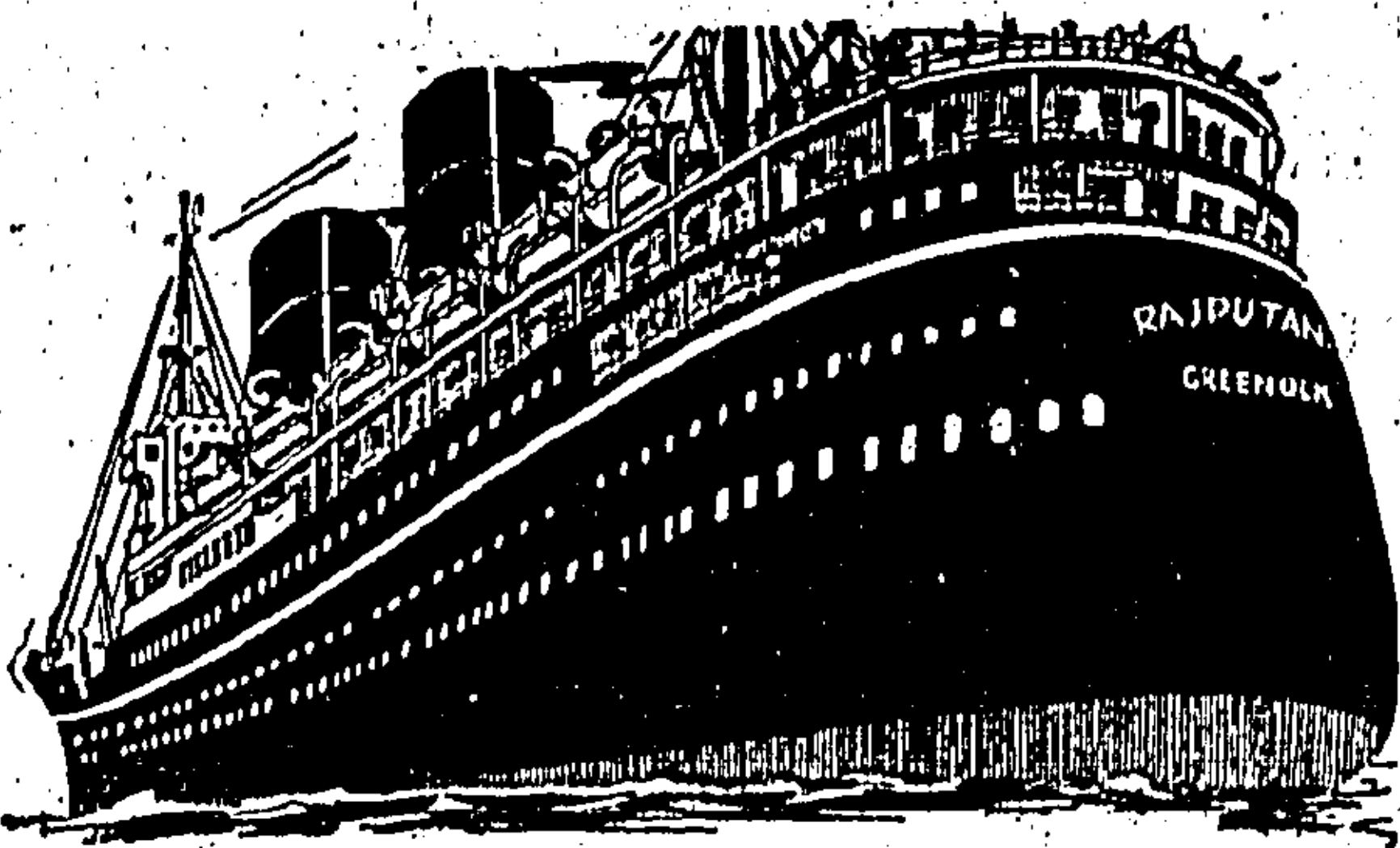
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BLUELAND LANDING PARTY MOWED DOWN BY MACHINE-GUNS

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I could hear soft curses from members of our party who had hurriedly to flop into paddy-fields as the Vercy lights brilliantly lit the scene.

MARINES WIPED OUT

We could have saved ourselves the trouble. Redland machine gun emplacements suddenly barked into life and within five minutes had virtually wiped out Blue-land's Royal Marines. The survivors, including myself, retreated into the shrub, from where we proceeded at the double, for four miles.

Our luck changed when we came unawares upon two lorry loads of Kumaon Rifles, evidently proceeding to the scene of our conflict of a few minutes before. In a brisk engagement we captured both lorries, drove off a patrol armoured car which came on the scene at the first hint of gun-fire and succeeded in holding our position for two hours.

As it was obvious that heavy reinforcements would soon be on the scene, our Commanding Officer gave the order to retreat and, just as dawn was breaking, we succeeded in returning to our beach, from where, in response to carefully guarded light signals, we were taken off to our ships, immediately putting out to sea again.

Our aerial attacks designed to harass and terrorise the civilian populace, were virtually brought to an end by poor visibility, although Fleet Air Arm planes made one or two reconnaissance low-flying forays. Just before I tumbled into my bunk for a well-earned sleep, I heard the roar of a plane taking off from Berwick.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

A communique to the press, issued from Military Headquarters, at 2 p.m. to-day states:

The past twenty-four hours have witnessed a number of Blue attacks of all natures at various points of Redland. No state of war exists at present between Northland and Redland.

Last night enemy destroyers attacked the Eastern and Western entrances. The Eastern entrance attacks resulted in a small party of the enemy entering the fort at Devil's Peak and doing damage to a gun. The party was driven off and one Blue destroyer was sunk. The gun will be repaired by noon to-day. The attacks on the Western entrance were beaten off and two Blue destroyers were sunk; a gallant attempt by the enemy to land at Stonecutters Island was easily repulsed. Red patrol craft did valuable work in attacking and reporting Blue destroyers and submarines off Red coast line at various points.

Blue air action has been hampered by bad flying conditions. Considerable damage has however been inflicted—at Kai Tak and on the civilian petrol installations in particular. Three Blue aircraft have been damaged by Red anti-aircraft fire.

LANDING EFFECTED

Blue landed a considerable force on the Northern and Southern shores of Starling Inlet about 11 p.m. The approach was detected by Red patrol vessels and the Northern landing was engaged by Volunteer beach machine guns and a detachment of Kumaon Rifles. One Blue party was decimated by the Volunteers. Elements of Kumaon Rifles were sent forward in lorries to reinforce but fell into a trap and were captured. Blue succeeded in doing considerable damage to Red communications and electric power installations East of Fanning. The party then withdrew voluntarily, their withdrawal being harassed by Red armoured cars, one of which crashed into a well-hidden road-grater and was ditched. Red territory is intact. Blue's action during the night might be summarized as a number of raids by sea, land and air in an endeavour to inflict material damage and to cause Red Commanders to dissipate their strength. In regard to the latter, the

TEN YEARS FOR HEROIN TRAFFICKER

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Abbott explained that the reason why he did not call Wong was because when he cross-examined accused yesterday, the latter said he would like to have the man give evidence, although the defence would call him.

STORY TRUE

Counsel submitted that accused did make the offer of a bribe to Revenue Officer Ward. He claimed the luggage as his in English, and therefore it could reasonably be inferred that he could speak that language. That he had knowledge of the drug could be gauged by the fact that he made the offer before all the powder had been found.

Continuing, Mr. Abbott contended that the prisoner's story could be true, Wong travelled on the same ship and could have brought the luggage himself. Furthermore, accused was arrested on January 4 and it was not until yesterday that he incriminated Wong.

In the course of his summing-up, the Chief Justice said that accused had been extremely anxious to prevent Revenue Officer Ward from communicating with his superior officer. The reason he gave for this was because the interpreter who was with R. O. Ward had offered to arrest his friend for him. This was strenuously denied by the interpreter, who testified that he had no conversation with accused.

A strong point in favour of the defence, continued His Lordship, was that the drug was cleverly concealed. He pointed this out because prisoner had alleged that Wong asked him to take the luggage. There was no direct evidence that accused had knowledge of the drug, but on the other hand it was very difficult to understand why he should not say that it belonged to Wong, immediately on his arrest.

His Lordship concluded by reminding the jury not to be influenced or swayed by what they might have read or heard of the case but to consider their verdict on the evidence before them.

The jury retired for about ten minutes, and returned verdicts of guilty by 6 to 1 on each count.

DELIBERATE ATTEMPT

Passing sentence, His Lordship said: "If I may say so, the verdict is one which is amply justified by the evidence. You have seen that for reasons known only to yourself, to take part in an extremely calculated and deliberate attempt to introduce dangerous drugs into this Colony in a very large quantity. You know the quantity, the importation of which you were a party, is sufficient to poison the whole population of this Colony. I take an extremely serious view and I cannot find anything that could be said in mitigation in regard to your case. This is a much more serious case of this type which has yet come before this Court. The sentence I pass on you is that you go to prison with hard labour for a period of ten years on each count, the sentences to run concurrently."

His Lordship thanked the jury and said they would be exempted from next year's list.

SHIPPING BILL PROGRESSES

The House of Commons, last night, by a vote of 192 to 86 gave second reading to the Merchant Shipping (Spanish Frontiers Observation) Bill which has already passed the House of Lords. Dr. Edward Baring, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, said the Bill, if passed by the House, would not be enforced until the principal maritime countries trading with Spain adopted similar legislation.—Reuter.

Blue plan has not succeeded. Use of carrier pigeons by the Royal Welch Fusiliers is proving a valuable adjunct to the system of communication.

GUNS ALONE CANNOT GUARD PRESTIGE

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problems, they are trifling compared with the question of British prestige in the Far East at a time when the Pacific is looming larger year by year in world politics.

The War Office, the Admiralty, and the Air Ministry seem to realise the importance of Hongkong as an outpost to the Singapore base, and the British taxpayer would probably be astounded to see how much of his money has been sunk in defensive works there, during the past few years.

Truth's correspondent mentions that the Unofficial Members' protest to Whitehall pointed out that the transfer of Sir Andrew Caldecott to Ceylon coincided with the transfer of Mr. Herbert Phillips, Consul General at Canton, to Shanghai, and that the loss of these two officials, who have co-operated so harmoniously in promoting goodwill with the Chinese authorities in Canton, might have unfortunate effects on British policy in South China.

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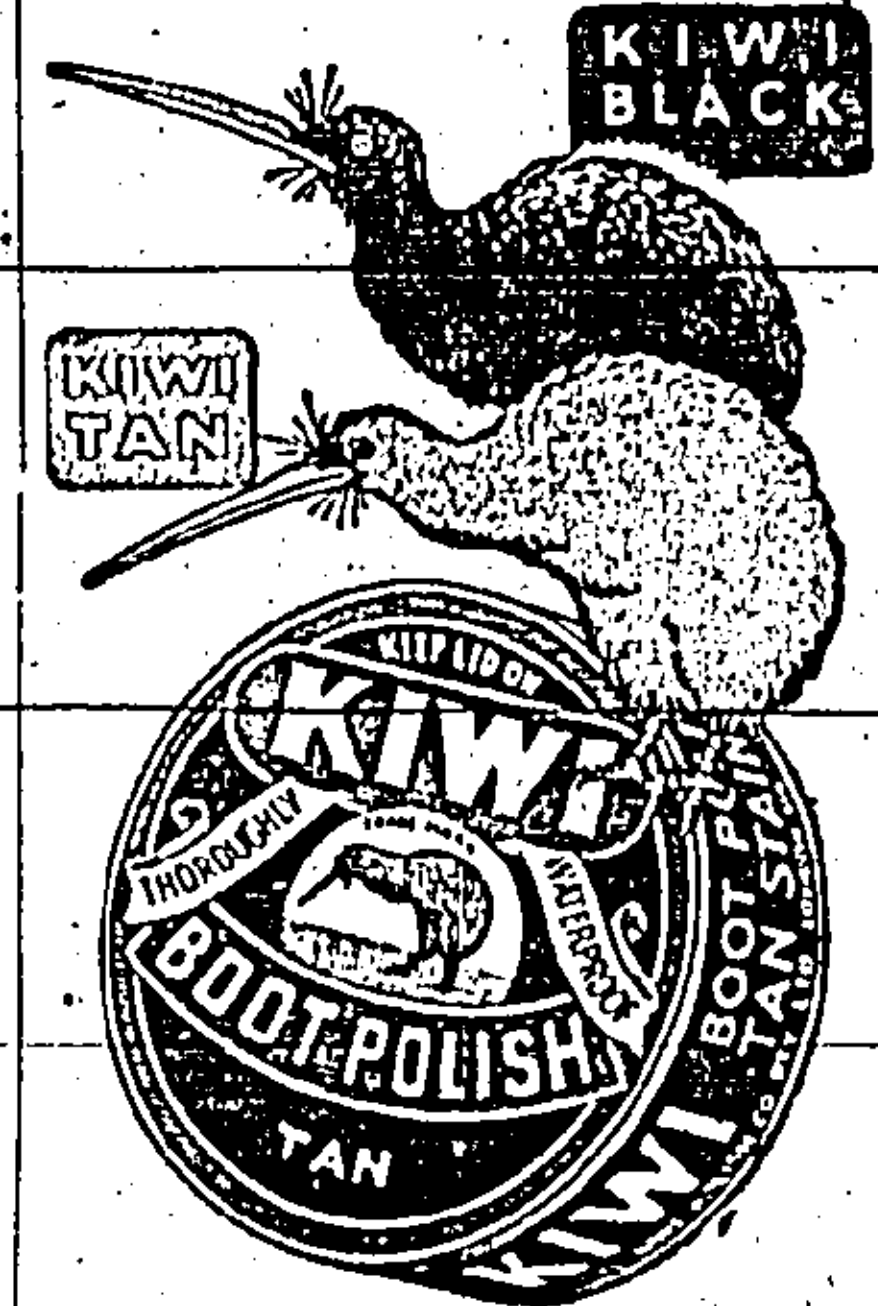
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attention and in order to be kept in close touch with the position from day to day a Ministry engineer is in the district.

Mr. Morrison added that according to the latest telephoned information the position was still critical, although there was a slight fall in the water level. The whole position, he said, is being closely watched by the Catchment Boards concerned and all necessary remedial measures were being taken.—British Wireless.

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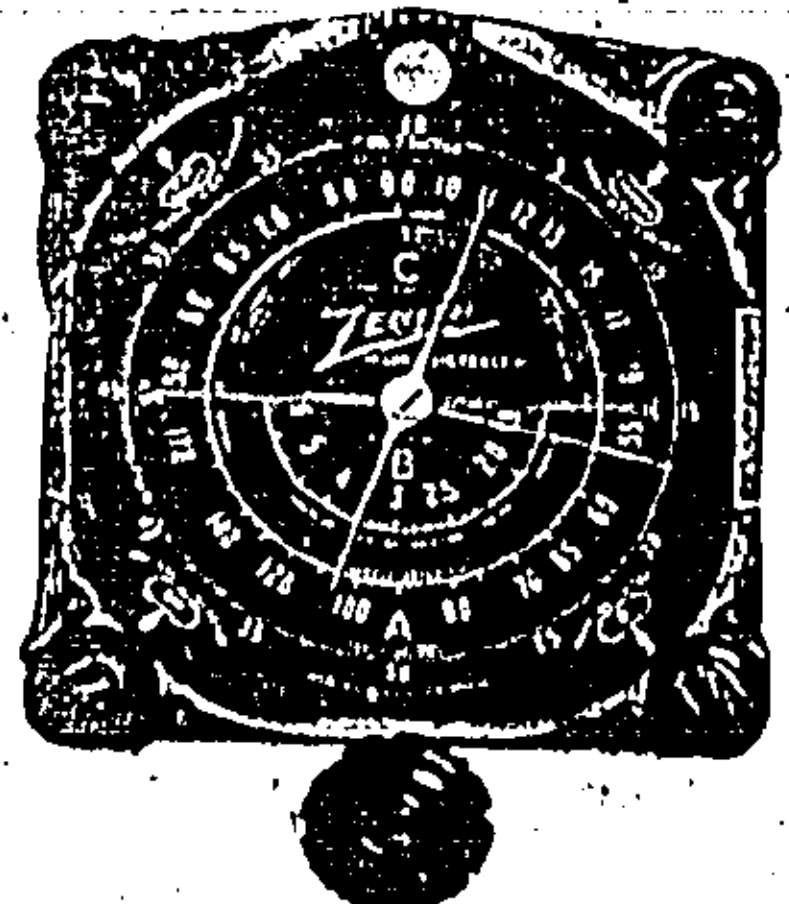
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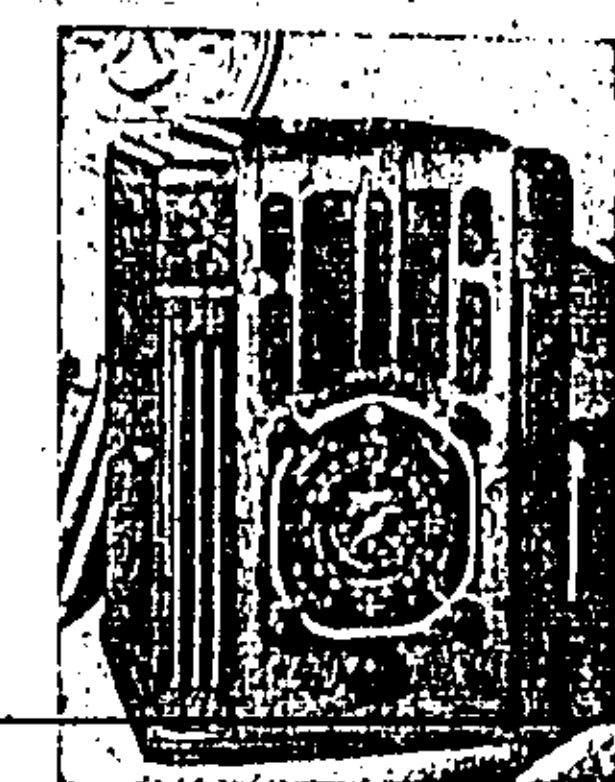
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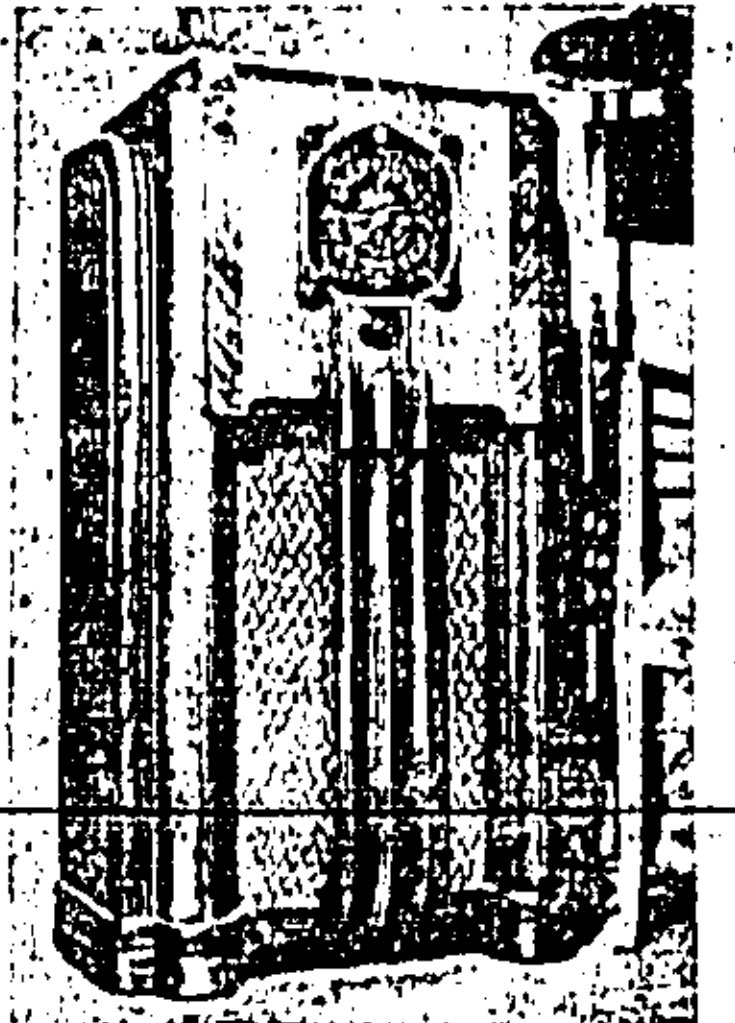
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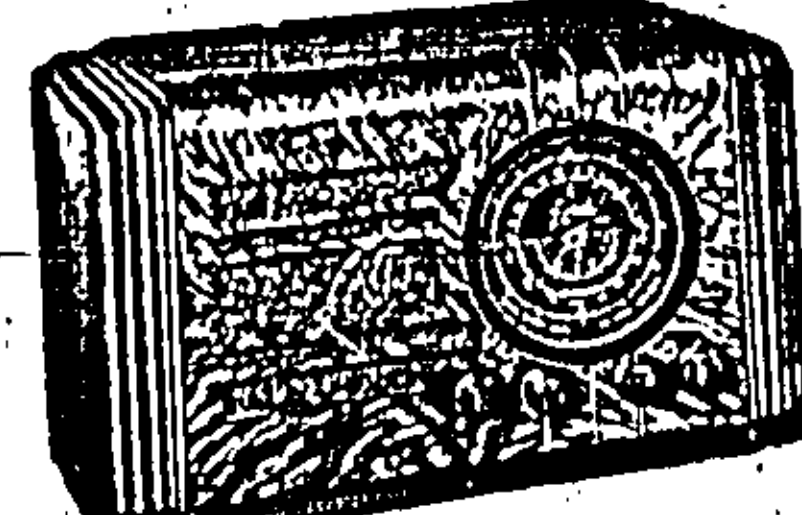
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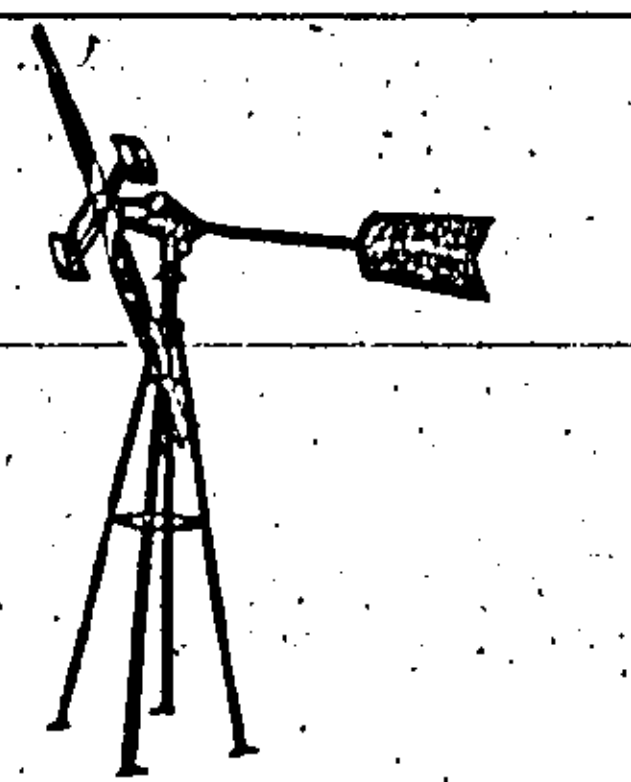
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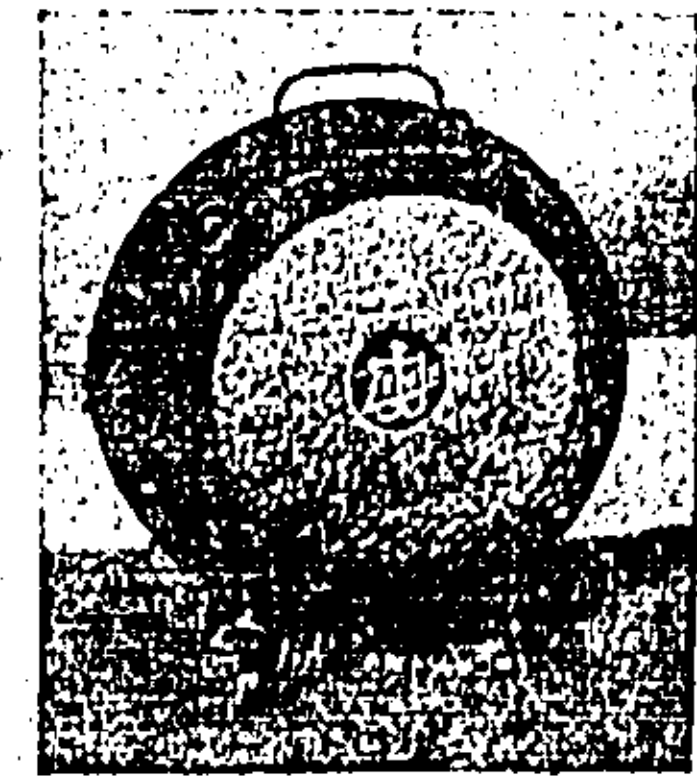
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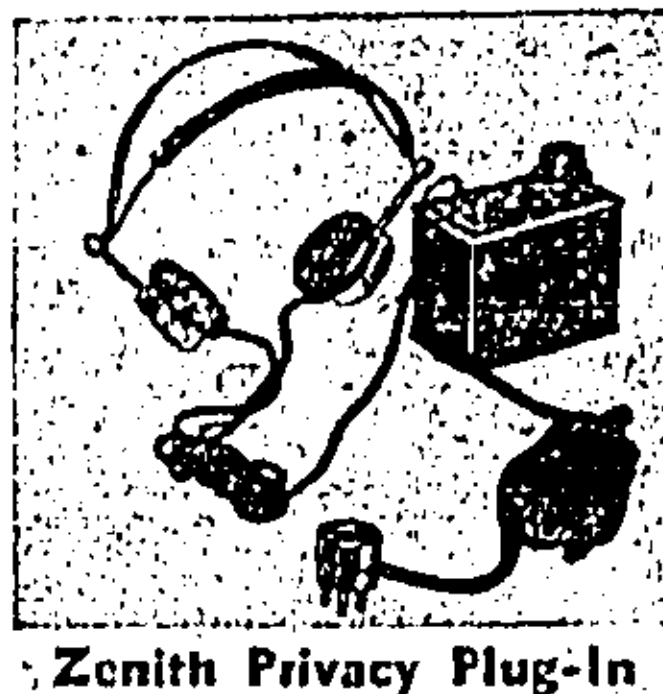
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THE PASSING OF A STATESMAN

Britons everywhere, whatever their political views, will have learned with the deepest regret of the sudden passing of Sir Austen Chamberlain, noted son of a noted father. Politicians who had been accustomed to seeing his spruce figure and hearing his vibrant eloquence in the House of Commons in recent years found it difficult to realise that he had passed the allotted span of three score years and ten. Next to Mr. Lloyd George, the "Father" of the House, Sir Austen had been in Parliament longer than any other member, having been first elected over forty years ago. He was always the traditional "House of Commons man," and his fine Parliamentary gifts, his dignified bearing, and his unruffled courtesy won him the highest respect of all parties. There was a visible reminder of the elder Chamberlain, his father, in Sir Austen, who sat, as his parent did, with a monocle screwed into one eye, his hat tipped back and his legs stretched out. Sir Austen and his single eyeglass seemed never parted, no more so than his father and his monocle. There were other physical resemblances, though politically father and son travelled along somewhat different roads. Sir Austen's death will not mean, so long as his half-brother, Neville, is on the political scene, a severance of the last link in the House with his father. Neville Chamberlain, now Chancellor of the Exchequer, and a certainty as the next Prime Minister, is well on the way to seventy, but he is a man of marked virility, in spite of his years, and it was his ascendancy in the last few years that marked Sir Austen's withdrawal to the political background. It is in the sphere of foreign affairs that Sir Austen made his greatest mark, and Locarno will ever be associated with his name. Unhappily, at the moment the conclusion of a new accord to replace the treaty which Germany denounced seems beset with obstacles. In the past few years, Sir Austen displayed a rather more mellow outlook on politics than when he held office. He focussed public attention on the slum clearance problem by some remarkably eloquent and moving appeals for the "under-dog" liv-

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I AM acquainted with most of the big places of the earth, and in quite a number I have friends who would offer a welcome. But which to pick on to pass the years that are left to me—there was the problem.

IN the end I made a list of the towns and cities I felt were qualified to provide me with the things I regarded as common-places in Hongkong. Trimmed, it contained these names: New York, Montreal, Halifax (Nova Scotia), Hamilton (Bermuda), Chicago, Colombo (Ceylon), Paris, Marseilles, Capetown, Salt Lake City, Le Touquet, Nice, Geneva, San Francisco, Reno, Rome, Copenhagen, Brussels, Berlin, Cologne, Naples, Moscow, Quebec, Kingston (Jamaica), Monte Carlo, Palma (Majorca), Madeira, Barcelona, Jersey, Detroit, Johannesburg, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Boston, Toronto.

THERE were over 20 more that did not pass the fairly high standard I had set. But 35 was enough to go on with, enough, indeed, even for an exile.

First to be struck out were Rome, Moscow, and Berlin, in that order. I have no wish to spend a moment in dictator-ruled countries, and as I am unable to discern much difference (particularly so far as liberty of the subject is concerned) between Fascism and Communism I counted Moscow with Rome and Berlin, and marked them out. I would hate to be one of three, and be left wondering whether the third member of the company was a spy.

EQUALLY I would hate to have my movements ordered, my enthusiasm curtailed to cheers for a person who had decreed I should raise them, and my identity sunk in a comic coloured shirt.

There are lovely regions in Rome and in Berlin and Moscow. But they would not suit me. I want no part of them. Mussolini and Hitler and Stalin can have the lot. When I vote I will vote as I wish to, not at the ring of a bell, or the unfurling of a flag, or the booming of a gun.

Le Touquet intrigued for a while, chiefly because I could always remember that if my sentence were lifted any of my air-pilot pals could run me home in about 20 minutes, and also because at certain seasons it is merely a part of Kensington, Surbiton, Westminster, Brixton, and Hampstead. But the resident hotel-keepers and tradesmen have the same trick of

ing in the squalid hovels of Birmingham and other great cities. Latterly, he declared that he was never happy with the name "Conservative." His unexpected death removes one of the finest types of Parliamentarians, one who was in every sense representative of the best in British political life.

by
**TREVOR
WIGNALL**

gouging, and of discovering with one glance the exact contents of a money packet, that was invented before they were put into long trousers by their fellows of Nice, Monte Carlo, Cannes, and other places on the French and Italian Riviera.

WITH the disappearance of Le Touquet went several others, but then my thoughts dwelt for a time on Colombo. Nice people there, and particularly the Sinhalese. It can be a bit trying when the heat is properly on, but there is much friendliness and very considerable hospitality.

But then I recalled the native quarters and the smells they exude; the resentment of the British (that is never very palpable, but that is definitely just below the surface). The rains, the winds, and the loss of caste

that can be occasioned if the white mixes too freely with the Sinhalese, even though the latter be of high birth.

I remembered just in time that a number of telegraph operators at Aden once told me they were not received by the other whites because they were regarded as workmen. As I could not stand the snobbery of the East for more than a day my pen went through Colombo.

I LINGERED long with Bermuda. Once I was stationed on the hill at Prospect, where the main barracks are built, and there were night, gazing over the moon-washed sea, when I wondered why anything so painfully lovely had been created by Bermudians, in the main, are steadfastly British, and a finer crowd I never hope to meet—but there is a prevailing wind that is hard on a wonky chest, hurricanes that can uproot trees, and a feeling of constant slight dampness that is not entirely pleasant. Bermuda got about 18 per cent. from me, but the remaining 2 per cent. was so important that again I had to look elsewhere.

San Francisco. Great difficulty now. Market St. and its busy life and laughter. The Golden Gate. Chinatown and its fascinations. It is cool enough on a summer's day in Frisco to need a light overcoat, and there are sufficient fogs to bring Hongkong right to one's nose. The dead Barbary coast provides for the thoughts enough romance to last a lifetime, and within easy reach there are places to go to that are guaranteed cures for ennui.

I COMPARED San Francisco with New York, Chicago, Toronto, Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit, Halifax, but still Frisco won. The only town that threatened to nose it out was New York. I have so many friends there, and I know it so well. My brain was juggling with the two when flashes came of Quebec and Salt Lake City.

Both were immediately well in the running, but for differing reasons. Quebec has nearly everything—the switchback hills of San Francisco, the waterfront that is even better to watch than Battery Point, churches that have few equals, and a quaint atmosphere that deserves to be preserved in a bottle. Salt Lake City is not an oil painting, but I like the way it is conducted. I like the theories of the Mormons and their Church, and I like best of all the vast lake so filled with salt that it is impossible to sink.

Just at this stage I heard that I had but three more minutes to make up my mind, but that the judge, recognising my extremity, had varied the sentence by stating that I could pick six towns or cities for my exile, but that it was essential I should place them in one-two-three order. With sighs, I wrote them down thus: 1, San Francisco; 2, Salt Lake City; 3, Quebec; 4, New York; 5, Le Touquet; 6, Bermuda.

Britain and U.S. Draw Closer

MANILA SEES SIGNIFICANCE IN FRIENDLINESS

"Political observers in the Philippines see a new effort at Anglo-American rapprochement in current events in the Far East," says the Manila Bulletin in an editorial article published recently.

"At no time since the American occupation of the Philippines have there been so many expressions of Anglo-American friendship and such a free exchange of official visits."

"Part of the circumstances behind these visits is purely fortuitous. At the same time, many persons in the Philippines are unable to escape the belief that there is a deliberate and planned attempt on both sides to cultivate this friendship because of the deep-seated mutuality of interest of British and Americans in the Far East."

"Tension caused by the Keelung incident in which three British sailors were manhandled by Japanese caused the cancellation of the usual British naval visits to Tokyo. This cancellation accounted in part for the fact that the Philippines have entertained within the course of slightly more than six weeks 23 British ships and three different official delegations from Hongkong."

"The most important of these was the official visit of the Commander-in-Chief of the British Naval Station in China, Vice Admiral Sir Charles Little's call was in every sense official, and he was accorded the customary full official honours."

"Additional weight is given to this visit from Hongkong by the very recent statement of Admiral H.E. Yarnell, Commander-in-Chief of the American Asiatic Fleet. Aboard the flagship Augusta, he had just made a visit to the British Naval Station at Singapore and British newspapers in the Straits Settlements reported with enthusiasm that Admiral Yarnell had declared that visits back and forth between the British and American fleets would be much more frequent in the future than they have been in the past."

WARM HOSPITALITY

"A further incident which added to this speculation took place when a British flying squadron, under the command of Air Commodore Sidney Smith, paid what was described as an unofficial call in the Philippines. They were received, however, with great enthusiasm by both the British and the American community in Manila, and were warmly in their praise of the hospitality which was

accorded them.... The British Air Ministry transmitted to Washington its official thanks for the courtesies which had been extended to Air Commodore Smith and his associates. So far as is known in Manila this is the first time that London has officially come into contact with Washington on the strength of an exchange of courtesies in the Philippines."

"It has long been recognized that the defence of the South China Sea from a naval standpoint is based upon a triangle. Its three points are Hongkong in the north, Manila to the east, and Singapore to the south. This is regarded by the British as an essential part of the entire naval defence of Australia. The strategic position of Manila in this plan is recognized."

"It was recently stated privately and unofficially by high ranking British naval officers that the presence of the American Asiatic Fleet in Manila added over 50 per cent. to the effectiveness of the British naval defences of Hongkong."

"British newspapers both on the China coast and in the Straits Settlements have been critical of the American withdrawal from the Philippines. At the present time, however, there appears to be growing tendency to forget this criticism and to emphasize the community of interest between the two countries."

"The exchange of courtesies between the two countries is therefore interpreted in some circles as the outward manifestation of a growing recognition of the need for close co-operation between the two governments in the Far East."

TEST GAS ALARM SIGNALS

STROMBOS SIRENS TO BE PURCHASED

For over an hour yesterday, Hongkong echoed and re-echoed with the screaming of an instrument designed to give the populace warning of gas attacks.

The instrument is a Strombos siren, an adaptation of the type used on the Western Front and in London during the Great War.

For some time past it has been experimented with on the roof of the Imports and Exports Department building. Now it has been removed to Police Headquarters, where it was tried-out yesterday.

There is no mistaking the noise of the Strombos. Its screeches have been heard as far away as Lyceum and Shamshuipo.

Police observers have been detailed to visit distant parts of the Colony to detect the noise of the siren, and their reports are understood to have disclosed a rather amazing range.

However, the local authorities will not content themselves with one siren. It is finally decided to adopt the Strombos siren, more than a dozen times since being installed in Hongkong, there are thousands of people who apparently have failed to hear it.

Practically no-one appears to have heard it in the vicinity of the busiest intersection—Pedder Street and Queen's Road.

SIR J. CURRIE PASSES ON

London, Mar. 17.
The death has occurred of Sir James Currie, K.C.M.G., who has been Director of the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation since 1922.
Sir James was also Chairman of the Governing Body of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad. During the Great War, he was Director of Training of Munition Workers in the Labour Supply Department of the Ministry of Munitions, and from 1919 to 1921 was Controller of the Industrial Training Department at the Ministry of Labour.
Reuter Bulletin Service.

AMBULANCE WORKERS PRAISED

COL. J. L. SLEEMAN IN HONGKONG RECALLS FINE SERVICE

Hongkong ambulance workers received high praise from Colonel James L. Sleeman, Chief Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Overseas, when the Colonel arrived here on the Cathay this morning on an inspectional tour of the British Empire.

The headquarters staff in England is extremely pleased with the reports of progress made in the Colony, said Colonel Sleeman, both in the first aid and nursing detachments.

"In other places, especially South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, the Brigade is very strong and most efficient," continued the Commissioner. "In India I found over 3,000 excellent ambulant men but in insufficient nursing divisions. In Burma, I am glad to say, the work is proceeding very well, while in Ceylon the fact that practically all the members of the police force of almost 3,000 are members speaks for itself. The efficiency of this force is beyond all praise and I have never witnessed such good stretcher drill performed by 17 teams simultaneously."

"In Singapore much requires to be done before the ambulance service can be said to be satisfactory, but steps are now being taken in that direction."

"In South Africa the whole of the members of the railway service are also members of the Brigade, with the result that they give a definite proof of the financial value of the ambulance service. Since this step was taken the service has saved £10,000 a year in compensation and sick leave."

FINANCIAL SIDE
The public as a general rule is inclined to disregard or fail to see the financial side of the service. A moment's thought, however, will show that if accidents are treated rapidly and expertly the patient enters the hands of a doctor or hospital with less loss of blood and less shock than otherwise would be the case and this results in a more rapid discharge than otherwise would be the case, with a resultant saving."

Colonel Sleeman last visited Hongkong in 1929 and said to-day that he is glad to be able to return not only because of the Colony's charm but also because the members of the Brigade here have done so well during the general and severe tests of ambulance efficiency which have fallen to their lot during recent years. The Order of St. John possesses the very deepest admiration for the noble part which its members played during the Japanese fighting at Shanghai in 1932 when, efficient and instantly ready for sudden emergency, they responded to an appeal for humanitarian service, and staffed a temporary hospital of 500 beds, for over two months. As a consequence these very ambulance men and women saved the lives of hundreds of wounded Chinese and treated the injuries of many thousands. It should be made clear that this was in the nature of a special emergency call; normally our Brigade exists purely and simply to supply the ambulance needs of those within the British Empire.

"In other words such special service as our Brigade at Hongkong gave upon this occasion was only dictated by common humanity and because no other ambulance body was then in readiness to respond to the call."

GASOMETER EXPLOSION
Then we have the case of the tragic explosion of a gasometer in 1934 when all members of the Hongkong St. John Ambulance Brigade, ready, well-equipped and public-spirited were among the first to arrive to render help. These are but two of many examples of the need for such efficient ambulance organizations," he said.

"Space forbids my mentioning the many who have contributed to this magnificent result; but the Hongkong Corps owes its existence chiefly to the capable and zealous example and leadership of its Director of Ambulance, Alfred Morris."

"It must be a great satisfaction to all to know that through their understanding help and encouragement many human lives have already been saved, and that to-day a Corps of over 500 trained ambulance men and women stands ever ready to help to save human life and to lessen pain and suffering," he added.

NOTABLE CAREER
Colonel Sleeman, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., M.V.O., M.A., is at present on an inspectional tour of the establishments of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in the British Realm in South Africa, Rhodesia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Burma, Ceylon and Singapore. Representing the Grand Prior of his Order, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, K.G., Colonel Sleeman served in both the South African and Great Wars and was responsible for the experiments which resulted in the introduction and adoption of the trenching tool into the British army.

Later Colonel Sleeman was appointed Director of Military Training, Officer in Charge, Air Services Staff to H.E. Admiral Viscount Jellicoe, when the latter was Governor-General of New Zealand. The Ambulance Chief is the grandson of General Sir William Sleeman and is Knight of Justice of the Order and possesses the Sacred Treasure of Japan, having been a liaison officer in

Railroads Won't Ship Scrap Metal

HEAVY CONGESTION REPORTED IN U.S.A. WAITING FOR HIGH PRICES

Washington, Mar. 17. The Association of American Railroads states that the railroads at the majority of leading eastern and southern ports have placed an embargo on shipments of carloads of iron and steel scrap due to congestion on cars already there with cargoes awaiting ocean shipment.

Meanwhile, it is authoritatively stated that Europe and Japan are experiencing a scrap iron famine and will want supplies from the United States, but are at present unwilling to pay American prices, which are a few dollars per ton above the European rates.

It is understood that the congestion at American ports is a result of United States shippers, awaiting higher offers.

A noteworthy circumstance is that the Department of Commerce has received more enquiries from potential European and Asiatic scrap-iron purchasers during the past two months than in the preceding ten years.

It is understood that scrap iron is used chiefly for steel rolls in factories and for other industrial expansion rather than for the manufacture of guns and shells.—United Press.

Woman Shoots Chambrun

DIPLOMAT ESCAPES SERIOUS HURT

Paris, Mar. 17. A sensation was created here to-day when Madame de Fontanges, a former French diplomat, drew a pistol from her handbag and shot the diplomat Count Charles Pineton de Chambrun, in the stomach, while he was boarding a train at the Gare du Nord. The wound is not serious.

The Count has been admitted to hospital and her assailant arrested. Madame de Fontanges said she shot the Count because "he lost me the love of a man who is too well known to mention."

In signed depositions, Madame de Fontanges said she confided in Count de Chambrun "trusting in his friendship and diplomatic tact not to repeat my confidences." She added that she learned that the Count repeated her confidences and hence she retaliated.—United Press.

BRITISH DIPLOMAT DUE HERE

(Continued from Page 1.)

Governor, and cross the harbour on the Governor's motor launch Britannia. A naval salute will be fired from one of His Majesty's ships. At Queen's Pier His Excellency the Ambassador will be received with a military guard of honour.

THE PROGRAMME
His Excellency Sir Hugh and Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen, the Misses Knatchbull-Hugessen and Mr. W. G. Graham will stay at Government House throughout their visit; of which the following is a summarised programme:

March 24—Government House dinner party.
March 25—Luncheon given by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to the Ambassador. Sherry party at the Royal Air Force Mess.

March 26—Good Friday: No formal engagements.

March 27—Chinese luncheon in honour of the Ambassador. Dinner party at Admiralty House.

March 28—Luncheon party at Flagstaff House. In the afternoon His Excellency the Ambassador and party will embark informally on H.M.S. Falkmouth for Macao.

DISPUTE ENDED

Shanghai, Mar. 18. The Shanghai Municipal Council's siege of tax defaulters has been raised, following an agreement by which the Chinese authorities guarantee the payment of rates and arrears.—Reuter.

BETTER WEATHER?

The anticyclone continues to move eastward and has increased in intensity, pressure being highest over South Manchuria and Korea. The northern depression has moved into the Pacific. The southern depression appears to be centred near Palawan. Local forecast: East winds, fresh, cloudy with mist or drizzle, probably improving.

EX-MAYOR RELEASED

Calcutta, Mar. 18. Mr. Subhas Bose, the ex-Mayor of Calcutta, who has been under arrest since April 8, 1936, has been released.—Reuter.

units of the Imperial Japanese Navy during the war.
On his arrival here this morning on the Cathay Colonel Sleeman was met by Mr. A. Morris, the local director of ambulance.

TRIBUTES PAID TO VETERAN

BALDWIN LAUDS CHAMBERLAIN PRAISE FROM ALL SIDES

(Special to "Telegraph")

London, Mar. 17.

Moving tributes were spoken in hushed voices in the House of Commons this afternoon in memory of the late Sir Austen Chamberlain. The former Foreign Minister's usual seat was vacant, and Sir Austen's half-brother, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, listened to the tributes unobtrusively from behind the Speaker's chair.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, after recalling that Sir Austen Chamberlain had introduced him to the House when he (the Premier) was elected, twenty-nine years ago, said that although there was a brief period when there was a fundamental difference of opinion between them, that never affected their mutual regard for each other. As Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen had accomplished a work for which he believed history would give him credit. He was a very great parliamentarian and always a formidable figure in debate.

The Premier added that, great as had been his political career, during the last few years he had exercised a far greater influence than ever before, dropping the political barrier essential to those on either front bench and displaying his gifts of candour and wisdom.

OTHER TRIBUTES

Mr. Clement R. Attlee, speaking for the Labour Party, recalled Sir Austen's constant endeavour to make personal contacts with the leading statesmen of Europe, so that by personal understanding difficulties might be removed. He paid a tribute to his work on the Indian Select Committee, dealing with terribly difficult constitutional questions.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, for the Liberals, described Sir Austen as a great Commoner, tenacious of principles and outspoken in debate, but a generous opponent.

Mr. Lloyd George, as the only man who had known Sir Austen throughout his parliamentary career, said his sudden death was a blow to the heart. Millions were sorry because a man who gave them confidence in the working of democratic institutions had gone.

Mr. James Maxton paid the late Sir Austen a tribute on behalf of the Independent Labour Party.—Reuter Special.

THE FUNERAL

London, Mar. 17. The funeral of the late Sir Austen Chamberlain will take place on Friday at St. Margaret's, Westminster, after which the deceased's remains will be cremated.—Reuter-Bulletin Service.

WORLD SORROW

London, Mar. 17. Profound grief at the death of Sir Austen Chamberlain, which place last night, is expressed in telegrams and other messages which have reached London from many parts of the world to-day, and in the House of Commons at the close of questions eloquent tributes to his long and devoted public service were paid by the leaders of all parties.

The King has sent a personal message of sympathy to Lady Chamberlain, and the Prime Minister called on her this morning to express his condolences. Telegrams from abroad included messages of sympathy on behalf of the League of Nations.—British Wireless.

Denounces Italians' Atrocities

London, Mar. 17. The Negus has sent a letter to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations requesting the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the alleged Italian atrocities in Ethiopia. He also denounced the "execution of Ras Desalegn and other chiefs taken prisoner on the battlefield and the killing of thousands of persons during the three days after the attempt on the life of Marshal Graziani, and the systematic massacres of the Ethiopian population."—Reuter Bulletin Service.

Apology To Germany

Washington, Mar. 17. Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has sent a second apology to the German Government. This time it concerns Mayor La Guardia's remarks at an anti-Nazi demonstration in New York on Monday.

Mr. Hull informed the German Ambassador that he hoped the bitter vituperative utterances on both sides would soon reach a conclusion.—Reuter.

FUGITIVE TERRIBLY INJURED

BREAKS BOTH ARMS AND LEG NUMEROUS ACCIDENTS

An almost record flow of injured Chinese people went into Government Hospitals in Hongkong yesterday as a result of a series of accidents in various parts of the Colony.

Tam Luk, aged 49, was admitted to the G.C.H. in a pitiful condition as the result of a fall down a steep hillside in Stubbs Road. In addition to fracturing both arms he sustained a compound fracture of the right leg and will thus remain in hospital for at least three months with three of his limbs in splints or plaster. The man was endeavouring to escape from a Botanical and Forestry Department when he fell.

Half an hour later Yee, aged 48, was admitted to the same ward at the G.C.H. with severe injuries to his hands when a large flywheel fell on him.

Luk Chak, a 47-year-old employee of the Green Island Cement Company, had a narrow escape from death when he got caught in some machinery at the Company's works. Before the machinery could be stopped Luk sustained severe injuries to his arm and head.

Wong Chan, an employee of the China Light and Power Company, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, suffering from injuries received when he fell from the top of an electric light standard near Shatin.

Another harbour incident was responsible for the entry of Ho Pan, aged 20, into the Kowloon Hospital. The youth fell from a motor launch whilst crossing the harbour and was on the verge of drowning when he was rescued by a member of the crew. Artificial respiration had to be resorted to.

MUSSOLINI RESENTS SUSPICION

SAYS HIS AIMS PEACEFUL

Tripoli, Mar. 17. Signor Benito Mussolini, in a speech at the opening of the Tripoli Fair this morning, appealed to Britain and France to cease suspecting Italy. He deplored the "alarmist campaign set afoot in so-called democratic countries" over his visit to Libya, which, he emphasized, "has no occasion for aggressive aims against anyone." He added: "In the Mediterranean and outside it, we desire to live in peace with all and we offer our collaboration to those who manifest a similar desire."—Reuter.

HAS NOT FORGOTTEN

Tripoli, March 17. Signor Mussolini, speaking at the opening of the Tripoli Fair, during his visit to open the new road across Libya, declared:

"Italian workmen and engineers have labored for several seasons to make this road under conditions of a climate infinitely less charming than the Lake of Geneva, where a numerous and most powerful coalition vainly attempted to suffocate Italy. If there is anybody who thinks all this is forgotten, let him not delude himself; I have not forgotten."—United Press.

STEEL COMPANIES SIGN WITH C. I. O.

Pittsburgh, Mar. 17. The Presidents of five subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corporation have signed a contract with the John Lewis Steel Union providing for the settlement of all labour disputes without resort to strikes. The contract completes the agreement signed on March 2 in which the Carnegie Company recognised the Steel Union as a collective bargaining agency for the Union's members. To-day's contract also provides for recognition of workers' seniority rights and a week's holiday with pay for those who have been employed for five years.—Reuter.

CANCELS HEE VISIT

Washington, March 17. Dr. Alfred Sze, Chinese Ambassador, has announced that Madame Chiang Kai-shek has cabled that she will be unable to visit the United States in the spring. She had previously tentatively accepted an invitation from the Mount Holyoke College to attend a celebration in May.—United Press.

TYPHOON WARNING

The Manila Observatory, reporting at 8.50 a.m. to-day, states that the typhoon is situated in about Long 115 East, 11° moving west.

RADIO BROADCAST

Children's Concert From The Studio

VARIED SYNCOPATION

Radio Programme Broadcast by 235 W., on wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.), 31.45 metres (9.52 m.c.).
5-8 p.m. European Programme.
5 p.m. A Roly of Dance Music from the Roof-Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.
6 p.m. From the Studio.
A Children's Concert.
6.30 A Concert.

Violin Solo—"Carmen"—Fantasy (Bach, arr. Sargate)...Eltrem Zimballat; Soprano Solos—Before I found you (Istvan-Rameau). Was it your smile? (Alexander-Stollberg)...Maria Eggerth; Bass-Baritone Solos—Hydras, the Cretan (Elliott), I fear no foe (Pinsul)...Peter Dawson; Violin and Piano—Mr. Isaac's Maggot (Arr. Sharp)...Elsie Avril; Vocal de Jersey; Soprano Solo—Voices of Spring—Waltz Song (J. Strauss-Gence-Grohe)...Maria Eggerth.

7 p.m. London—Big Ben. Variations in Syncopation by the Borrell Trio and Herschel Henlere (Canadian Pianist).
7.30 Closing local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 New Light Symphony Orchestra with Herbert E. Groh (Tenor).
Orchestra—Poet and Peasant—Overture (Suppe); Tenor Solo—Heldenreise (Goethe and Werner); Orchestra—Glow Worm Idyll (Lincke); Tenor Solo—For you alone (Schubert-Huber); Orchestra—Salut d'Amour (Elgar); Tenor Solo—Only for you—Waltz Song (Ducelle-Amberg).

8 p.m. Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03. From the Studio.
A Chinese Concert.
11 p.m. Close Down.

8.05-11 p.m. European Programme from Z.E.K. On a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.

8.05 p.m. Debroy Somers Band. Northern and Southern Memories (arr. Debroy Somers); Shipmates (arr. Debroy Somers); Descriptive Ballad (Sanderson, Lockton & O'Reilly).

8.22 Trio in D Minor, Op. 40 (Mendelssohn), played by Corbet, Thibaud and Casals; 1st Movement—Molto allegro agitato; 2nd Movement—Andante con moto tranquillo; 3rd Movement—Scherzo; 4th Movement—Finale.

8.55 p.m. London—News and Announcements.
9.15 London—Brass Band Concert.
8.23 London—"Food for Thought." Three short talks on matters of topical interest. (Electrical Recording).

9.45 Music by Plerac. Variations Libree de finale...Quintet instrumental de Paris. Entrance of the little Fauns...Jack Payne and His B.B.C. Dance Orchestra; Serenade...Renée Chemet (Violin).
10 p.m. London—Big Ben.

Variety
Vocal—Let's call a heart a heart...Bing Crosby; Piano Solos—I wait for you, Heute Nacht oder Nie...Mitscha Spoliansky; Vocal—Deep shadows...Franz Langford; Instrumental—Memphis Blues...Ern Pettifor (Clarinet); Organ Solos—Funeral March of a Marionette, Nola...Sydney Gustard; Vocal—I heard, St. Louis Blues...The Four Crochets.

10.30. Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Yankee Doodle never went to Town; Fox-Trot—Stop! Look and Listen; Fox-Trot—Intermezzo; Quivering Quavers; Slow Fox-Trot—Dance of the Giggly; Slow Fox-Trot—Nightfall; Fox-Trot—Way down yonder in New Orleans; Fox-Trot—I've got the world on a string; Fox-Trot—Mood Indigo; Fox-Trot—Take my heart; Waltz—Stars in my eyes.
11 p.m. Close Down.

SINO-JAPANESE PARLEYS

Shanghai, Mar. 18. Practical efforts to achieve Sino-Japanese economic co-operation began to-day when the Japanese Economic Mission from Tokyo embarked upon a series of conferences with Chinese commercial leaders. Although the conferences are non-political they have the blessing of both the Japanese and Chinese Governments and may ultimately react favourably upon the political relations of the two countries. The Japanese mission may possibly visit North China at the urgent request of the Chinese, who are anxious that it should investigate the smuggling situation.—Reuter.

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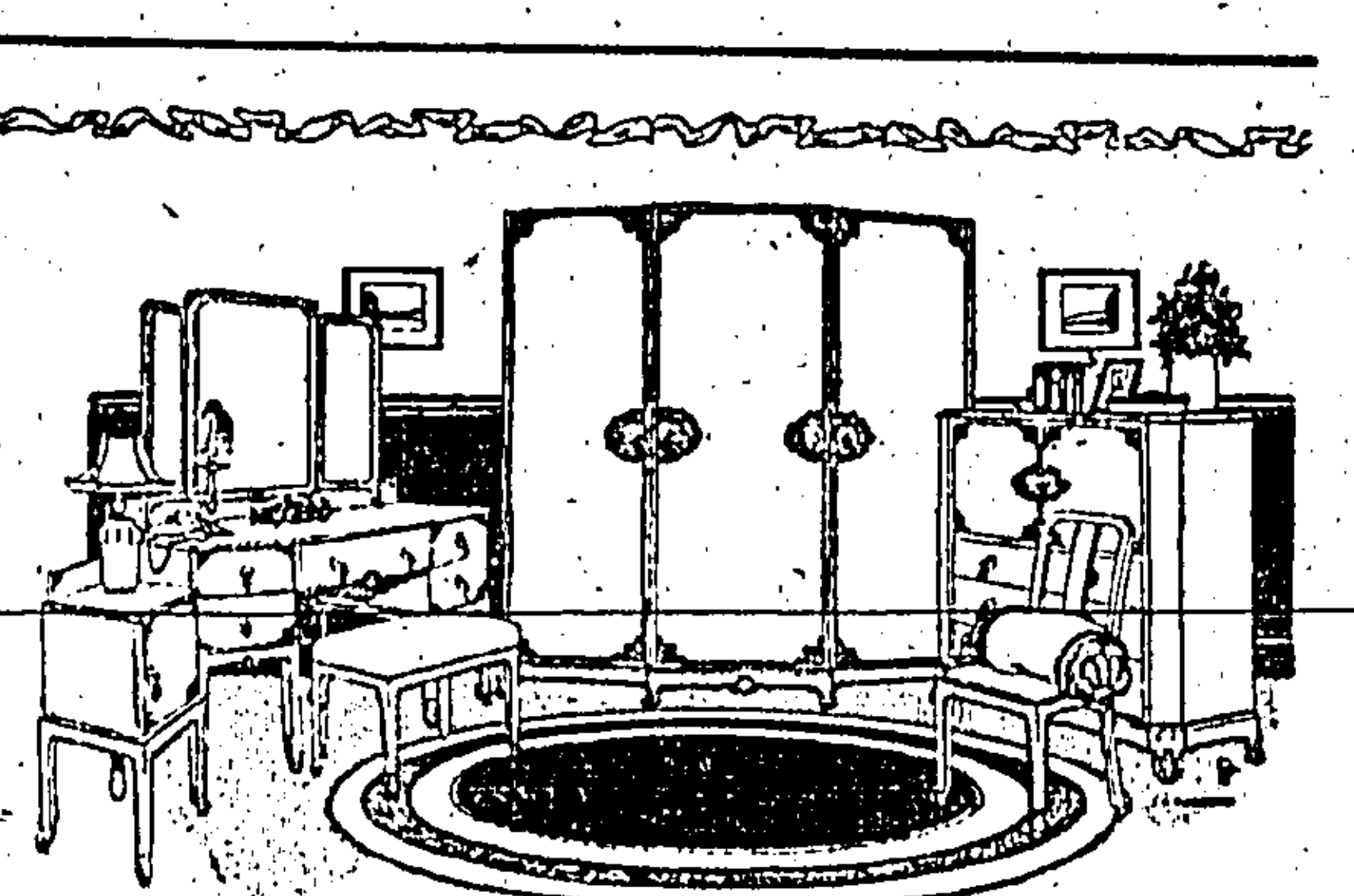
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OUR WEEKLY
HOCKEY FEATURE

"The Pilgrim" Suggests

CHAMPIONS-REST
THIS WEEKABOLITION OF MAMAK & UNITED TOURNAMENTS:
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SHOULD TAKE CONTROLWILL PLAY
FOR THE
RESTMiss Hall (top
left) of D.C.S.,
Mrs. Holo (R.U.R.)
top right, and Mrs.
Weir (H.K. Ladies)
be playing for the
Rest against the
Brawn Cup cham-
pions on Saturday.TO-DAY'S
TENNIS
MATCHESKong Against
Leonard

(By "Veritas")

The only singles match down for to-day in the tennis championships is between Paul Kong and J. W. Leonard, who meet in the second round. The encounter should provide much to interest.

Kong should certainly win, but Leonard's steadiness is likely to yield him several games. Leonard is not an easy player to beat, and I rather expect Kong will have to rely upon a forecourt attack. Leonard is hopelessly at home in baselinet duels.

We shall have a contrast of styles and probably some highly interesting exchanges.

Full programme is as under:

OPEN SINGLES

Paul Kong v. J. W. Leonard.

OPEN DOUBLES

Wong Shui-wing and Luk Ding-cheong v. Y. N. Tam and S. Wong.
A. M. Rodrigues and L. A. Silva v. H. P. Ong and J. Hsu.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

R. M. Wood v. A. S. Read; V. R. Gordon v. J. C. Pool;
H. Owen Hughes v. T. C. Monaghan.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

G. W. Sewell and E. Bathurst v. A. H. McBride and N. K. Littlejohn;
A. T. Dow and H. D. Bidwell v. G. E. R. Divett and B. O'M. Deane.

THRILLS
OF THE
BIG RACE

Crack Jockey

Beaten By
Head

London, Mar. 17.

The Lincolnshire Handicap, the first big race of the season opened with a real thrill to-day with the little apprentice jockey Douglas Smith fighting out a ding-dong finish with the master jockey, Gordon Richards.

Both were riding greys, and Smith got Marmaduke Jinks, starting at 33 to 1 and owned by Mrs. C. B. Robinson, home by a head in front of Mr. Martin Benson's Laureate, a 100 to 7 chance, with Mr. Davey's Coldron, a rank 66 to 1 outsider two lengths away for third place.

Thirty-two horses ran in the race, and both the winner and the third placed horse were trained in Yorkshire.

Two of the best-backed horses, Edgehill, a 10 to 1 favourite and Monte Sano, at 100 to 8 failed to reach the first 14 at the finish. Anyway, another well fancied competitor, lost its jockey close to home and when running fifth, but it was a beaten horse at that stage.

That the race was a real lottery and that the horses drawing high numbers had far too big an advantage was shown in the fact that the first six horses drew the following places—27, 25, 20, 26, 28 and 30.

The bookmakers actually admitted having won on the race!—Reuter.

Wales Wins
Football
ChampionshipBEAT IRELAND
EASILY

London, March 17.

Wales to-day won the International Football Championship by beating Ireland at Wrexham by four goals to one.

A crowd of 25,000 watched the match in beautifully sunny weather, and they saw Ireland in impressive form during the early stages.

Griffiths was outstanding in the Welsh defence during this period.

Bryn Jones, Welsh inside left scored in the 25th minute after a clever combined movement, whereas the Irish forwards seemed to lose confidence. On the other hand Wales steadily improved and Glover, the centre-forward scored in the 32nd minute.

Wales led two-nil at half time.

In the 50th minute Glover scored again for Wales from Warren's pass, but Stevenson at inside left replied for Ireland when the Welsh goalkeeper dropped the ball.

Before the end Warren, Welsh left-winger obtained his team's fourth goal, and Wales ran out comfortable winners.—Reuter.

ARE there too many hockey tournaments in Hongkong? "The Pilgrim" Hongkong's best-informed hockey commentator says Yes. In the accompanying article he sets out his reasons why he has reached this conclusion, further pointing out that many of the competitions are organised outside of the Hongkong Hockey Association, which body is scarcely taking its rightful position as the parent of the game in this Colony.

"The Pilgrim" outlines a plan for the co-ordination of the existing tournaments to come under the single control of the H.K.H.A. He further emphasises the increasing part the Hockey Umpires Board should play in the promotion of the game in Hongkong. His article contains some of the most constructive criticism ever written about hockey in Hongkong.

RUMJAHN
DID NOT
IMPRESSGrose Like A
Text-Book
IMMACULATE LEE
WAI-TONG

(By "Veritas")

Sirdar Rumjahn won his match against Frank Grose yesterday in the Colony open singles tennis championship, but it cannot be said that he looked a natural successor to Tsui Wai-pui as champion of the Colony. Only occasionally did he touch anything resembling champion's form, and chiefly he won on Grose's mistakes, which were numerous.

Grose offered much better opposition than generally anticipated. At times he played like a Mercer Beasley text book, making stylish-looking drives on both wings and following them up with winning volleys. He had Rumjahn running from side to side with his deeply placed drives, but so often, having lured Sirdar out to the net when he had the Indian at his mercy. These errors also usually came at vital stages of a game, and they certainly cost Grose the second set.

Rumjahn was unexpectedly thrust on to the defence for the major part of the match, and though he did score some gorgeous shots, he was not so impressive as one naturally anticipated he would be.

Of the two Grose played the more attractive tennis, but he lacked steadiness and balance when these two qualities were chiefly needed.

IMMACULATE TENNIS

Lee Wai-tong played immaculate tennis to beat Leys, the tall, well-served cricketer Club exponent by 6-0, 7-5. Lee might have won easier for he led 4-2 and 5-3 in the second set, but Leys suddenly gained some reasonable control of his shots and with a succession of perfect lobs, pegged Lee back to five-all before the Chinese again assumed the ascendancy.

Leys, though serving with enormous strength and speed, did not have this shot under control, and was guilty of many double faults. Even more disconcerting to him was Leys's clever return of his best deliveries, the Chinese employing a lot of back-spin out which forced Leys up to the forecourt from where he was continually passed either with beautiful lobs or well placed cut drives.

Lee exploited all of his known shots in the course of the match, and he used them so efficiently that one could not help ranking him on this display as a real threat for the title. He was never disconcerted, and placed the ball just where he liked. It was one of the coolest displays of brainy tennis seen in the championships for many a long day.

It was a pity Leys could not gain full control over the ball. In the second set he whipped out some first-rate ground shots, but he could not sustain a long rally and constantly cleared the lines by a yard. The failure of his service probably had an adverse effect upon him temperamentally, as it is usually a weapon formidable enough to win him his games. Lee Wai-tong proves once again that something more than a cannon-ball service is needed to win championship matches.

Yesterday's results were as follows:

There Are
Too Many
CompetitionsCO-ORDINATION IS
ESSENTIAL

New Plan Outlined

ONE of the most important features of sport in Hongkong is the rapid development of competitive hockey. The game has grown so quickly, has become so widely popular, that its demands have tended to outstrip the legislative efficiency of the Hongkong Hockey Association, which is supposed to safeguard the game's interests in the Colony. In fact one is led to this conviction: that at the present time there are too many hockey tournaments in Hongkong.

Here, for example, is a list of the competitions now in existence for the men:

The Mamak Tournament
The United Tournament
The Triangular Tournament
The International Tournament
The Inter-Section Tournament

And on top of these competitions, some of which are run on knock-out lines, others as leagues, there are numerous representative games, and Interports.

This season, for instance, we have all of the competitions noted above, and in addition, there has been the visit here of the Waseda University which entailed a programme of seven matches, plus six trial games, followed by an Interport against Macao, and possibly another Interport to come against Shanghai.

Altogether much too strenuous a season for an individual player who happens to be in the A class, and therefore liable to be called upon to figure in the majority of the events.

MY SUGGESTIONS

Because of this I would like to suggest that the Hongkong Hockey Association organise a competition, which might be called the Victoria Hockey Tournament, or the Hongkong Hockey Tournament, or some such name. That this competition be divided into three divisions, open to all Army, Navy and Civilian teams. That permission be obtained from the parent body in England for trophies to be offered in each division. I know of hockey enthusiasts only too anxious to donate a cup or shield for such a purpose.

This tournament, I suggest, is used to take the place of the existing Mamak and United Tournaments, so that the whole of the Colony's hockey competitions will come under the direct control of the Association.

The Triangular Tournament should include a team representing the Civilian Clubs instead of the Hongkong Hockey Club as at present, and this would also do away with the necessity of a Civilian v. Services match.

The following would be the various competitions run by the Association: H.K.H.A. Tournament (three divisions with home and away games).

Triangular Tournament.
International Tournament.
Interports and Representative Games.

Civilian and Services teams to-day are being encouraged to join a whole host of competitions with very little chance of being in a position to complete their fixture lists, and there does seem room for some plan of co-ordination, preferably, in fact necessarily, under the aegis of the Hongkong Hockey Association.

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

What's more the Umpires Hockey Board would figure prominently in such a plan. Its functions would be greatly enlarged, for among other things it would be responsible for appointing qualified umpires for all tournament games as well as for examining umpires with a view to their qualifying.

This also raises the question of the importance of creating an Umpires Association, which body could deal with matters such as payment of fees to umpires as suggested in these columns a few weeks ago, and generally speaking could look after the interests of our hockey umpires.

It is possible these suggestions may appear to have come like a bolt from the blue, but I have spoken to several

THIS is what "The Pilgrim" suggests in the accompanying article on the question of re-organising hockey tournaments in Hongkong.

Substitution of the Mamak Tournament, the United Tournament and similar competitions by a tournament, organised by the Hongkong Hockey Association, to be called, for example the Victoria Hockey Tournament, or the Hongkong Hockey Tournament. This to be split into three sections, and open to all Army, Navy and Civilian teams.

Representative Civilian Clubs team to take the place of the Hongkong Hockey Club in the Triangular Tournament.

The control and organisation of the following competitions by the H.K.H.A.—Hongkong Hockey Tournament (comprising three divisions with home and away matches), Triangular Tournament, Interport and Representative games. The creation of a Hockey Umpires Association for the appointment of qualified umpires for all tournament fixtures, the examination of umpires who wish to become qualified, and to deal with all matters relating to umpires in the Colony.

SCRAPPY
GAME OF
HOCKEYClub Lose To
Recreio

(By "The Pilgrim")

A somewhat scrappy game of hockey was played on the Club ground yesterday, when Club de Recreio with only ten men, yet representative of Portugal's strongest, beat the Club by a solitary goal scored by J. Pinto in the first few minutes of the game.

The Recreio were fortunate to win the match, but it must be admitted that handicapped as they were, they gave a very creditable performance. The absence of L. Oliveira made a tremendous difference to the team, which hardly played in keeping with the result.

The Recreio attack was not frantically impressive, hit and rush methods being employed by B. Gosano, Pinto and Sousa, and usually these were easily countered by Benwell in the Club goal who ran out and cleared without difficulty.

J. Goncalves played a splendid game at centre-half, while Rodrigues and E. L. Gosano were a safe pair of backs. Rodrigues was a trifle on the slow side and this might have been exploited to some good purpose by the Club attack, but they did not seize upon the opportunity. E. Alves on goal played a confident game and looked after his charge very well.

The Club forward line looked nice and played with thoroughly good understanding, but they were slow in grasping chances and were not very dangerous in front of goal.

Bond and Blackford were rather off form, whilst Divett was a slow leader. The brothers, G. and S. Fowler were the danger spot in the Club attack, but they were very well held by Beltrao and Gosano.

W. A. Reed was caught in pick of the half back with Starbuck on his right putting in some hard work in an unusual position. E. V. Reed was the better of the two backs while Benwell showed up exceedingly well in goal, played a fine game in the second half. He saved very cleverly from Pinto and Nolson.

This was, I believe, the last game of the season for the Club, and they certainly gave signs of that end-of-the-season feeling. N. Whitley's absence at left half was felt, and generally speaking the Club did not come up to reputation.

FERRY DEFEATS VINES

New York, Mar. 17.
Fred Perry beat Ellsworth Vines here last night by 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Vines is now leading by 17 matches to 15.—Reuter's Bulletin.

CLOSE OF
SEASON
MATCHES
Champions
V.
The Rest

(By "The Pilgrim")

The ladies bring the 1936-7 hockey season to a close on Saturday next when the annual Winners v. The Rest match will be played.

Caer Clark Cup winners this year are the Y.M.C.A. and they will oppose a representative team on the Club ground, King's Park at 4 o'clock.

The winners of the Brawn Cup (Central British School "A") will play the Rest on the same ground at 6 o'clock. Both matches are bound to prove interesting as the Rest are turning out two strong sides.

The senior XI includes seven Interports and it looks as though the champions are in for a beating. The junior side is also the strongest available, and I think it is certain that the champions will lose.

The following are the representative teams.
Rest XI to play Y.M.C.A.:—Mrs. Rose (St. Andrew's); Miss E. Gray (H.K.L.H.C.); Miss J. Smalley (H.K.L.H.C.); Miss I. Woolley (C.B.A.); Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's); Miss K. Glover (H.K.L.H.C.); Miss F. Wong (St. Andrew's); Miss W. Marsh (H. K. L. H. C.); Mrs. Donald (H.K.L.H.C.); Miss P. Gittins (St. Andrew's); and Miss D. Hunt (C.B.A.).

The team to play the Brawn Cup champions will be:

Miss Hall (D.G.S.); Mrs. Ratcliffe (R.U.R.) and Miss Parsons (C.B.A.); Miss Dodd (D.G.S.); Mrs. Holo (R.U.R.); and Mrs. Weir (R.U.R.); Mrs. Weir (H.K.L.H.C.); Mrs. Campbell (R.U.R.); Miss E. Hannon (R.U.R.); Miss M. Smalley (H.K.L.H.C.); and Miss Bockler (C.B.S.).

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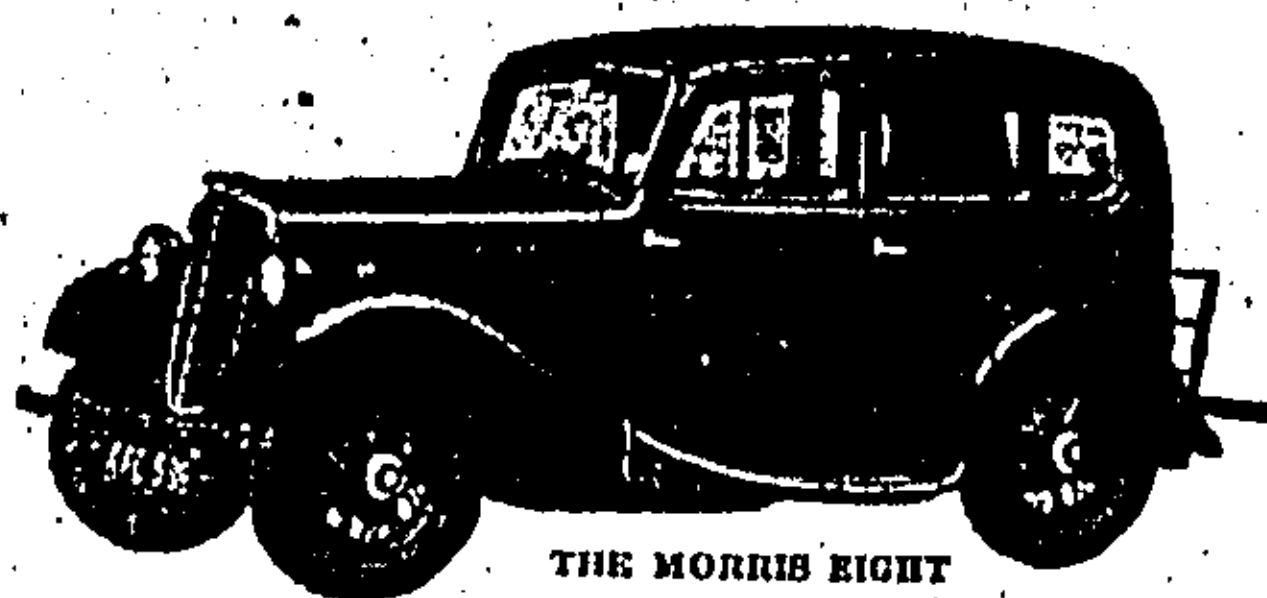
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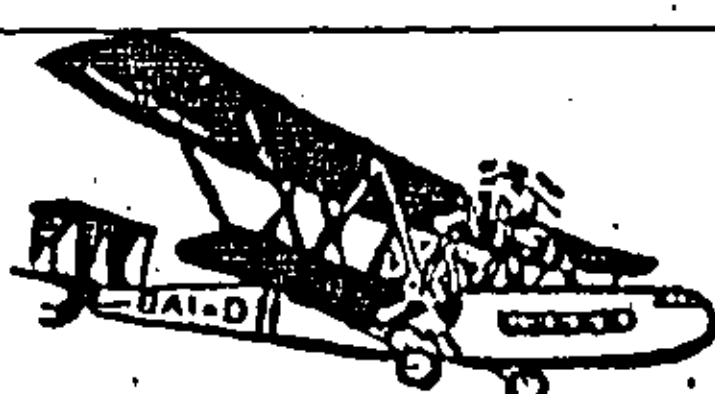
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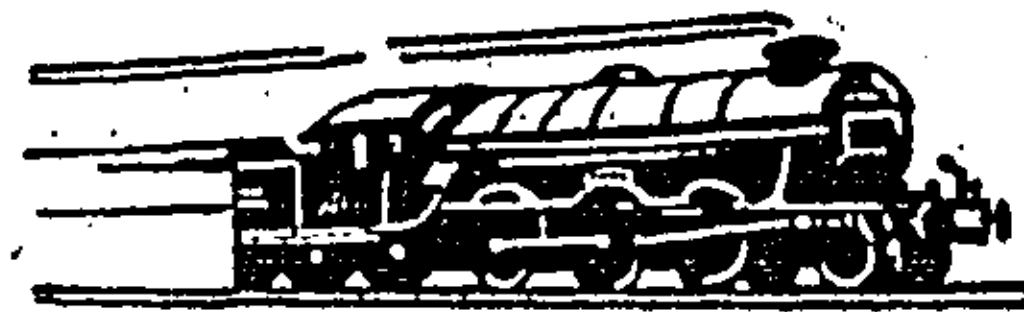
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OLIVERIA AGAIN ESCAPES BY SKIN OF HIS TEETH

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(By "Veritas")

WHETHER he wins any of the titles or not, M. A. Oliveira will be able to look back at the 1936-37 badminton championships of the Colony with a good deal of interest and satisfaction, knowing that he has helped to provide some of the most exciting encounters of the tournament.

On three occasions Oliveira, who is regarded very favourably as a potential champion, has been next door to defeat, only to pull the game out of the fire at the very last minute. Last evening, in company with J. J. Remedios, he supplied the chief thrills in the quarter-finals of the men's doubles championship.

He and Remedios were opposed to T. J. Ong and F. Koh of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. The Recreio pair lost the first game, won the second and were trailing 3-1 in the third. By this time Ong and Koh appeared to be well on top, yet they could not consolidate, and by dint of a terrific effort on the part of Oliveira and Remedios, the scores were levelled and then the Recreio couple went away for the next four points and the match.

ONG'S BRILLIANCE

T. J. Ong, the same player who gave Oliveira such a fright in the quarter-finals of the open singles, played brilliant badminton for the major part of the match. He displayed wonderful speed and agility in moving about the court, always finding time to make his strokes deliberately. He cunningly disguised his drop shots in consequence of which they often scored outright, or forced up a weak return which the opposition could not help smashing for an ace, while his overhead work was magnificent. Ong made short shrift of the rather careless service deliveries on the part of Oliveira and Remedios, rushing them to such good purpose that he rarely failed to "kill" them first time.

Until the Recreio players started their third set recovery, Ong dominated the court, and played some of the most spectacular badminton seen yet in the championships.

Koh's partner, was not quite so confident nor secure, lacking the same speed of foot and being liable to break down in the extended rallies. Yet he gave good support and if anything was the steadier of the two players towards the end.

DETERMINATION WINS

Full marks go to Oliveira and Remedios for their fine fighting recovery when all seemed over. Determination rather than the excellence of their badminton pulled them through. Remedios was a very important factor in deciding the last points of the match, though he went completely to pieces in the early stages of the third game.

Both players served poorly, but in the rallies they displayed pretty understanding and their team work was a big contributing factor to the result. Oliveira was chiefly notable for some decisive "killing," while

Remedios employed finesse as well as showing a sound overhead.

In the first game Oliveira and Remedios led two-love, but Ong and Koh took a 3-2 lead which was immediately taken away and the Recreio pair went to 7-4. Then followed a stirring run of success by Ong and Koh, who advanced from 4-7 in arrears to lead 10-7. Then Oliveira and Remedios picked up a point, but the Y.M.C.A. couple got on top again and won the game without conceding another ace.

The Recreio players obtained a long lead of seven-love in the second game, and although the opposition made a spirited reply, they held on to the advantage and finally went to their points for a 15-7 win.

In the deciding game, the ultimate winners led 3-1, and then the "Y" players brought their big guns into action and went right ahead, piling on the points until they led 11-3.

That was the last point they scored, although they had something like eight services and several opportunities. Gradually Oliveira and Remedios, by adding a couple of points on each service, drew up and having reached 11-all, saw their opponents go to pieces. It was a most exciting finish.

SURPRISINGLY EASY WIN

The ease in which H. A. Alves and E. de Souza beat K. S. Liew and K. L. Yung of the University took everybody by surprise. Displaying perfect combination, the Recreio players won as they liked against a pair who never looked like settling down. In both games the winners secured long leads and they eventually won the match 15-4, 15-3. Souza smashed beautifully while Alves adroitly placed the shuttle so that the opposition had to run about a good deal and to make hurried last-minute shots.

Yung was in poor form and could gain no control over the shuttle. Both Varsity exponents played poorly and never settled down.

SHOULD HAVE WON A GAME

S. W. Liang and F. H. Kwok should have won the second game from T. C. Lee and P. K. Hui, the Varsity pair, but they allowed a great opportunity to slip through their grasp, the University players eventually winning a "settled" game after carrying off the first game at 15-4. In the initial game, Liang and Kwok went to four-love, then did not score another point. In the second game they once more went to four-love, and this time consolidated. They increased the lead to 9-1, then 12-4. But the opposition began to overhaul them. Nevertheless they had splendid chances when leading 13-7, but lost them, mainly through Kwok's inability to smash decisively. From this point Hui and Lee advanced to 13-all and the players "settled" at five. The C.R.C. pair won



PLAYING AGAINST THE CHAMPIONS—Miss E. Hamon (left) of the R.U.R., and Miss E. Chuan (D.G.S.) two of the players who will help the Rest against the Brawn Cup champions on Saturday.

the first two points, but were pulled back to two-all. Then they led 3-2, but were again checked and the Varsity players won the next three points for the match.

Liang played ideal badminton, scoring neatly and constantly with his cleverly concealed angled shots from the base of the court and by means of a well placed overhead smash. Kwok played good defensive badminton but was unable to finish off the rallies when presented with opportunities.

Hui played with great skill in the first game, but fell away afterwards. Lee smashed drolingly and with great speed, and was always entertaining to watch.

Once again King's College court was kindly loaned to the Badminton Association for these matches.

The full results of the matches were:

F. K. Hui and T. C. Lee beat F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang, 15-4, 13-13 and 5-3.

H. A. Alves and E. de Souza beat K. S. Liew and K. L. Yung, 15-4, 15-3.

M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios beat T. J. Ong and F. Koh, 8-15, 15-7, 15-11.

SCHOOL CRICKET

A drawn match was played between Queen's College and the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School when they met at cricket on the Indian R.C. ground yesterday.

Queen's College declared at 156 for seven wickets. Small Ali scoring 49 and U. A. Rehman 55 not out. K. M. Rumjahn was the most successful bowler for the Indian School with five for 56.

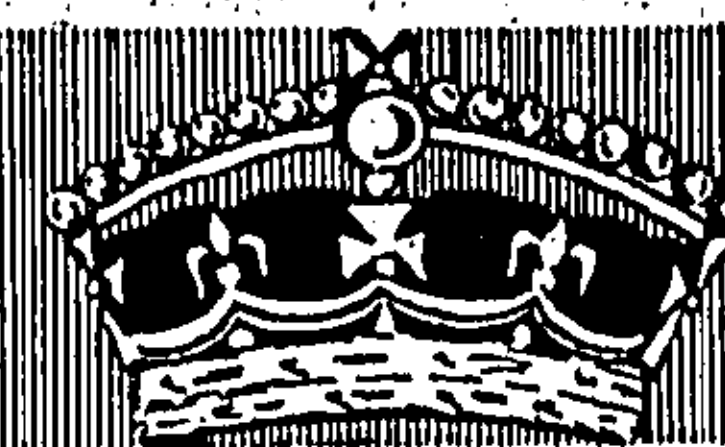
The Indian School replied with 125 for seven. K. M. Rumjahn also came off with the bat, hitting up 45. Telok Singh helped with 30 and A. A. Tipe with 28.

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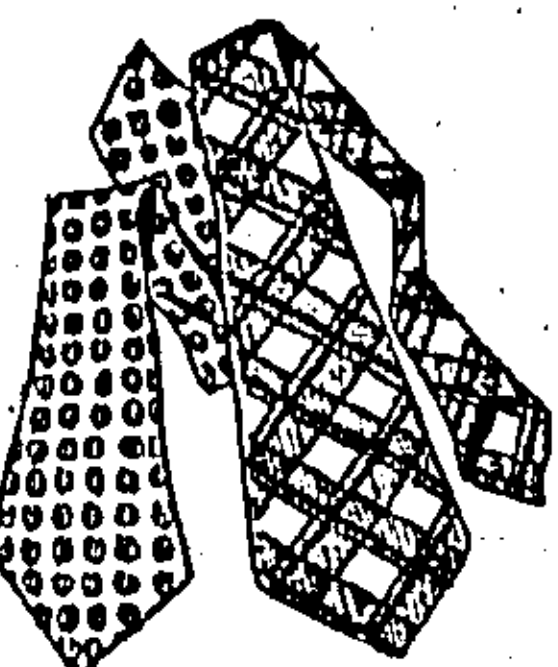
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HOW BRITAIN WILL UTILISE FUNDS

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ters in many districts, hitherto largely unenclosed, in addition to the modernisation and in some instances the replacement of old and inefficient types of guns are being manufactured, together with large numbers of searchlights and other equipment, and research of ammunition are being accumulated.

Balloons and equipment for balloon barrages are being manufactured. Plans are being made to ensure that the organisation for air defence will be readily adaptable to meet whatever type of air attack this country might be called upon to face.

Amongst arrangements for the protection of the civil population against air raids, stocks of respirators and other equipment are being accumulated to provide against the contingency of gas attack.

The preparation of local schemes of air raid precautions and the organisation of the necessary personnel for air raid services are now being undertaken on an increasing scale throughout the country.

ANTI-GAS MEASURES

His Majesty's Government have undertaken to provide instruction of the police and other personnel so as to make them capable of acting as instructors in anti-gas measures in their own areas. One anti-gas school has been in operation for almost a year, and in order to cope with increasing requirements in this respect, a second school is now being established.

The fire risks from incendiary bombs dropped from aeroplanes present a problem which is beyond the capacity of normal peace time fire brigade organisations. Arrangements are being planned to accumulate the additional fire-fighting appliances required to meet this risk and to train reserve personnel.

The defence of our overseas bases also require attention, and the menace of attack from the air, and increased protection will be provided at important ports abroad in the form of anti-aircraft batteries and searchlights.

In addition, the modernisation of coast defences at home and abroad will involve considerable expenditure.

ESSENTIAL CHARACTER OF THE PROGRAMME

It will be seen that the programme which must be carried out before our defences can be restored to a level of safety covers a wide range. It includes the provision of great quantities of material for all three Services, in the form of ships, guns and ammunition, aeroplanes, tanks and equipment of all types.

It also involves large additions to the personnel of the Services, and heavy expenditure on the purchase of land and the erection of buildings, barracks, workshops and arsenals.

To enable this programme to be carried to a successful conclusion, arrangements must be made with industry for the extension of its capacity to supply munitions for the Defence Services.

A FORMIDABLE TASK

The development of air power has raised entirely new problems of defence both at home and abroad, requiring not only increased quantities of the obvious defensive weapons and equipment, but also a certain amount of redistribution and dispersal of resources, all of which naturally add to the cost.

From the outline here sketched the formidable nature of the task confronting His Majesty's Government is apparent. The conditions which govern it, the conditions which govern its extent and pace cannot be said to have become more favourable, and at present at any rate there would be no justification for any reduction or slowing down of the programme.

It is their firm belief that in the form here given the contribution indispensable to peace, and one which it is the duty of the people of this country to make.

TOTAL COST OF DEFENCE MUCH LESS THAN £1,500 MILLIONS

As stated in the Memorandum on the proposed Resolution dated Feb. 11, 1937 (Cmd. 5303), it is not practicable to state the total cost of a programme which is intended to endure over a period of years, and which will necessarily be subject to substantial modifications as conditions change.

Nevertheless, some indication can now be given of the order of magnitude of the expenditure which must be contemplated.

Taking into account the rapid growth of defence expenditure in the last two years, and the fact that an appreciable time necessarily elapses between the decision to increase capacity and the date when full production is achieved, it is probable that the level of expenditure over the next two or three years at least will be very much heavier than in the current year.

MUST BE UNDERTAKEN

It is not at present possible to determine what will be the peak year of defence expenditure; that must depend on circumstances which cannot at present be foreseen, and upon decisions to be taken in future years.

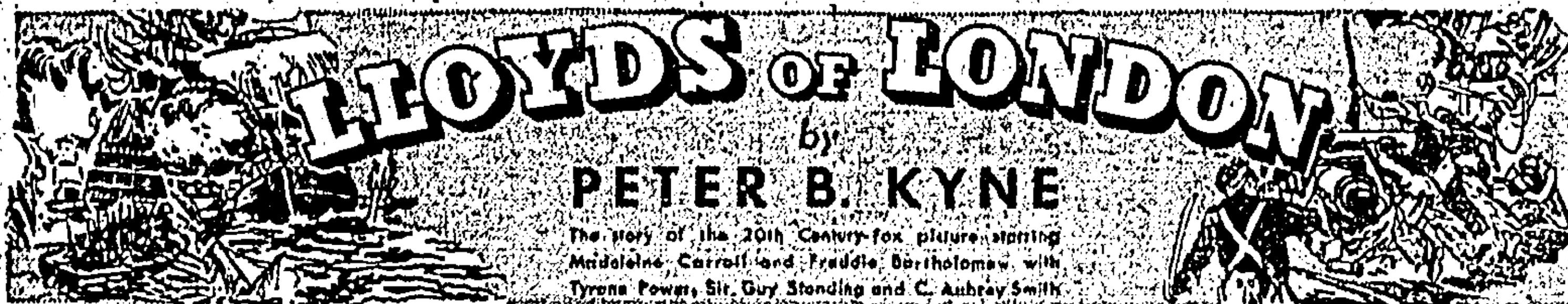
Taking the programme as it stands to-day, however, it would be imprudent to contemplate a total expenditure on defence during the next five years of much less than £1,500 millions.

42. Deeply as they deplore the necessity for this vast expenditure on armaments and other defensive measures, His Majesty's Government are convinced that it must be undertaken. It has been forced upon them, partly by the circumstances of the time, and partly by the long interval during which comparatively small demands have been made upon the national finances for the purposes of the Defence Forces.

It would be neither practicable nor just that the whole burden of making good these deficiencies in the short period of five years should be thrown upon the taxpayer during that time, and His Majesty's Government are satisfied that in proposing to spread a part of it over a longer period, they are pursuing a course which is fully justified both in equity and in the general interests of the nation.

"TELEGRAPH'S" NEW FILM SERIAL

"Lloyd's of London" is a film which is shortly to be presented at the Queen's Theatre. To-day appears another instalment of the full story of the episodes in the life of the great corporation on which the film is based. It is a narrative of much interest in itself and is appropriately made public at a time when the presentation of the film in Hongkong is soon to be made.



WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE: Jonathan, a young man of Lloyd's of London, one of its leading underwriters, goes to France to see the trouble in the early days of Napoleon's reign, there to spy out information of value to England and to Lloyd's. He is fleeing France, for he fears the identity of whom he witnesses the arrest by French army men, of a beautiful English woman. He helps her escape, and they meet at the home of Lord Stacey, in Regent Street, London, and that the driver had gathered, from what the butler had said when opening the door for her, that she was Lady Elizabeth Stacey.

Chapter Eleven

The landlord of the hotel at Dover had earned the five pounds Jonathan had given him, albeit Jonathan cursed the day he had been moved to bribe the fellow to ascertain from the driver of the private conveyance the identity of the lady who had been seen at the home of Lord Stacey, in Regent Street, London, and that the driver had gathered, from what the butler had said when opening the door for her, that she was Lady Elizabeth Stacey.

This information raked Jonathan, for he could not believe that the girl had come to call her Elizabeth; she had refused to disclose her identity and had—he reasoned—been coming in a private conveyance, rather than to accompany him to London on the coach and thus be unable to escape his importunity. However, he had to be certain of her identity, so he arranged himself in the height of fashion and took a four wheeler to Lord Stacey's home. At the door he presented his card to the butler, who gave him the customary challenge:

"Lady Stacey expecting you, sir."

"No, she is not. However, I think she will receive me," said Jonathan, as he bowed and entered the vestibule where he carried Jonathan's card to Lady Stacey. When the butler returned, he invited Jonathan to step into the drawing room; in a few minutes Lady Stacey entered. She advanced to him bravely, and took his hand.

"So," he said tragically, "you are Elizabeth."

She nodded assent to the charge. "I am sorry for both our sakes, Mr. Blake, that you have called."

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years of his life to have thrashed Lord Stacey for the latter's insolence and high-handed ungraciousness. But as he drove back to his lodgings the hot rage died and in its place came a despair in the knowledge that he loved a married woman of a world far above his; that never again could he see this woman, the first to arouse in him even a passing interest in her sex. Poor Jonathan! There had never been room in his life for play, for the jolly toils and flirtations of men of his years; in the midst of his sad contemplation he recalled Lady Stacey's remark about the unhappiness of Horatio Nelson's life, because he was so madly, so tragically, in love with the wife of Sir William Hamilton. He had even thought deeply then with his boyish comrades; now, in the realization that he was in the same sad fix, he resolved not to commit the unpardonable sin of feeling sorry for himself. He thanked God no man knew his story, whereas the world knew Horatio's. . . . He never once touched Jonathan, as a subscriber to Lloyd's and now a very heavy investor in John Angerstein's syndicate, nor did it touch the syndicate. They had kept the faith; no temptation of re-insurance underwritings, even with the advance knowledge that losses must surely eventuate from them, ever came to the little group that had in their power to make such coups. Despite the attrition of war that never really ceased, save officially, the mercantile marine of Great Britain continued to grow, to outstrip that of all other nations; as it grew Lloyd's of London grew with it, and conversely, the fortunes of the underwriters had made Lloyd's possible.

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the members of the Angerstein syndicate, with Angerstein's approval, to branch out into other lines of insurance. Underwriting ships and their cargoes was Lloyd's basic business, but gradually Jonathan began insuring people against rain that would spoil their crops or turn a prospective profit on a public entertainment into a loss. He wrote insurance on the lives of valuable public servants and forewrote the day when this insurance would extend to the lowest content-monger. He insured the foreign assets of British merchants against confiscation as the result of war. He insured against the ruinous effects of public riot, fire, flood, earthquake and tornado and had given London the laugh of the century by insuring the Prince of Wales against gout.

"But the royal family has always suffered from gout," John Angerstein protested. "This, Jonathan, is the first bit of bad judgment I have known you to be guilty of. His Royal Highness will be sure to

come down with gout within the year, and you will make a heavy loss."

"He is too young for gout, sir; he is a hardy soul and can stand a deal of high living. He has paid a whopping premium for insurance against gout for three years, and he is not likely to deliberately court gout in order to win. That, however, was not my idea in insuring the Prince. I merely risk paying a high price for the sort of advantage that no amount of money can ever buy."

"My boy, I fear our colleagues are beginning to think us ungodly, freakish, unreliable."

"Oh, naturally, many of them do. Those who have not will do so before long. Human beings loathe and fear change as innovations; they condemn that which they failed to think of themselves, particularly when it begins to appear that there is a profit in it. Yes, at first they will condemn; later they will decide that we have the jump on them and start cutting premium rates on the same sort of business in order to catch up."

Jonathan smiled—a slightly cynical smile now. John Angerstein laughed his good-natured laugh. "Good, lad, begin to fear I have been tricked and convicted. I shall not interfere at all—unless you should consider taking this fellow into the syndicate."

Jonathan looked up. Lord Everett's eyes were approaching. On his insolent but handsome face, it dispelled a bland smile of greeting.

JOHN ANGERSTEIN - FOR FILM CORPORATION

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Dutch to Treat Ship Seizures As Acts of Piracy

FINAL WARNING TO REBELS: WARSHIPS RUSH TO SPAIN

The Hague, March 17.

Any further seizure of Dutch ships by Spanish insurgent warships will be regarded as piracy, the Dutch Foreign Minister, Jhr. A. C. D. de Graeff, informed the Senate here to-day. It is piracy because the Dutch Government has not recognised General Francisco Franco's Government, he added.

Dutch warships have been instructed to take necessary action, he announced. His statement followed the receipt of news of the seizure of a Dutch collier at Ceuta this morning.—Reuter.

RUSHING TO SPAIN

Aden, Mar. 17.
The Dutch cruiser, Java, returning to the East Indies, arrived here to-day and left again, at full speed, for Spanish waters.—Reuter.

Ready To Leave

Lisbon, Mar. 17.
The Dutch submarine, O-10, which arrived in the Tagus last week, has received instructions from the Dutch Government to be ready to leave at a moment's notice. It is understood she is departing to-morrow for Malaga to demand the immediate release of two Dutch steamers recently seized by the insurgent fleet.—Reuter.

Collier Released

Rotterdam, Mar. 17.
According to a message received by the owners from Ceuta, the insurgent authorities have released the collier, Jonge Johanna, reported seized this morning. Her cargo has not been confiscated.—Reuter.

Arms For Rebels

London, Mar. 17.
Two German ships, the August Cords and the Consul Cords, are at present at Antwerp having loaded arms for Spain at Bremen, according to a Spanish note delivered to the Foreign Office to-day.

They are now loading ordinary cargo in order to disguise their real intentions, but their crews state that the ships are bound for ports in the insurgents' hands.—Reuter.

DUTCH WARNING TO INSURGENTS



Jhr. A. C. D. de Graeff, Netherlands Foreign Minister, who has warned the Spanish insurgents that any further seizure of Dutch ships will be treated as acts of piracy.

FRESH STAMP ISSUE

HONGKONG'S FIFTH IN TWO YEARS CORONATION SERIES

The portraits of both King George VI and Queen Elizabeth are to appear on special Coronation stamps for Hongkong, and the rest of the British colonies.

The Coronation issue, which will consist of three denominations in one common design, will be on sale in Hongkong from May 12, the day of the Coronation, until the end of the year.

The new permanent issue for Hongkong will not now be ready until early in 1938. It was previously proposed to issue a few denominations of stamps in a standard King's head design at about the date of the Coronation, which would have formed part of the new permanent issue.

The new Coronation stamps will be of the same shape and size as the 1935 King George V Jubilee issue, and will be printed in single colours by the recess process.

The design of the stamps includes portraits of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in a setting of coronation emblems, including the Crown, Orb, Sword of State and Sceptre.

The date of the Coronation is inscribed at the top of the design and the words "Hongkong" appear at the base of the stamps, with duty labels in the lower corners.

The issue of the special Coronation stamps and the new ones of standard design will mean that stamps of five different types will have been on sale in Hongkong within about two years. In addition, there is every possibility that Hongkong will have a special issue of stamps for its Centenary less than four years hence.

In addition to Hongkong, the special Coronation issue will apply to the following territories:

Aden, Antigua, Ascension, the Bahamas, Barbados, Basutoland, Bechuanaland Protectorate, Bermuda, British Guiana, British Honduras, the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, the Cayman Islands, Ceylon, Cyprus, Dominica, the Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gambia, Gibraltar, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, the Gold Coast,

PROBING CLICHY RIOTING

WORKERS DEMAND FASCIST BAN
CALL STRIKE IN PROTEST

Paris, Mar. 17.
The Cabinet has decided to open an immediate investigation to ascertain the responsibility for the riots in the Clichy quarter, in which, during a clash between Fascists and anti-Fascists, six were killed and 200 injured.

A communique issued by the Seine Union of Syndicates states that the half-day general strike which it is calling for to-morrow, as a protest against last night's events, is not directed against the Blum Government, which must remain in power.

In order not to place the Government in difficulties, rigid discipline will be exercised by the strike leaders, and the men will resume work in the afternoon.

The object of the strike, says the communique, is to emphasise the need for dissolving "Fascist Leagues".—Reuter.

ASKS REMOVAL OF TIN QUOTAS

London, Mar. 17.
The removal of tin restrictions was suggested by a questioner in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. W. G. Ormsby-Gore, Secretary of State for the Colonies, replied that he thought the recent increase in the quota had helped the situation. He added that the abolition of the quota altogether did not concern Britain alone; it would involve legislation in many countries.—Reuter.

Grenada, Jamaica, Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika Territory, the Leeward Islands, Malta, Mauritius, Montserrat, Nigeria, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, St. Christopher and Nevis, St. Helena, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somaliland Protectorate, Straits Settlements, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, the Turks and Caicos Islands, and the Virgin Islands. Similar arrangements are also being made for Newfoundland.

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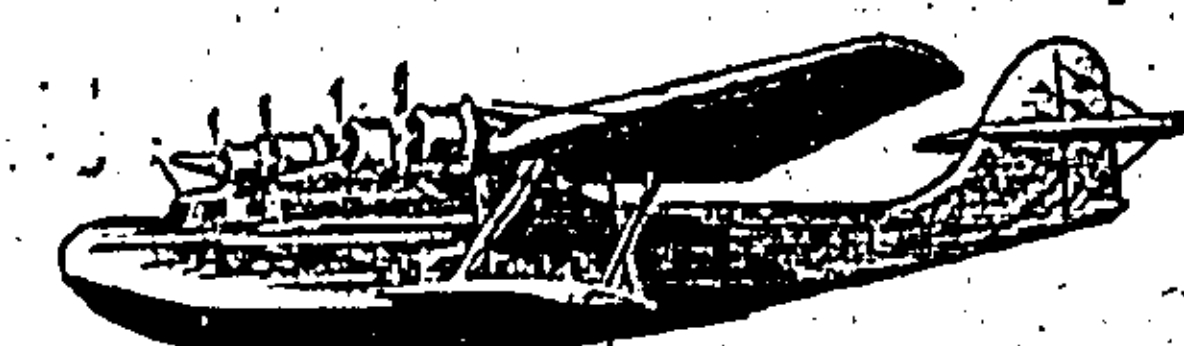
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